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Thompson and Given Families

With their Ancestral Lines and
Present Branches.

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PREFACE.

THIS book is in the true sense of the word a *Family History*. It goes back along Ancestral lines as far as it is possible to trace them. All the Relations of the two leading families, Rev. S. F. Thompson and wife, Ellen K. Given, so far as could be ascertained, receive suitable mention. Cousins, and often, too, second cousins, have been included in the history. That there should be some mistakes, and some omissions of names, is just what might have been expected and could scarcely be avoided. Great care has been taken, however, to have things correct and reliable.

It has well been said, "They who care not to know their ancestors, are wanting in natural affection, and regardless of filial duty."

How easy a thing it is to lose sight of our ancestors. We even find in some cases that those with whom we should be quite familiar have almost passed out of the reach of memory. In fact, too often, very little is known about some with whom we are closely related. A lady closely connected with this history being asked for information respecting one of her own uncles, replied, "I never heard of such an uncle before." A mother of a large family in Ireland could not give the date of the birth of one of her children. The laudable practice of keeping a short family record in the "old family Bible" seems to have been too often discontinued.

Hence it would be with many a source of great pleasure to have a carefully prepared family history to refer to, where all such information could be obtained at a glance. Such a work the author has endeavored to prepare. It has received close attention, with intervals, for several years. No pains have been spared to have it full, complete and correct. Items of interest

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have been gathered, previously known to but few. To this end correspondence has been carried on, on a large scale. Where the history in a few instances may seem defective, it is because, after repeated efforts, there has been a failure to obtain needed information. It was kindly and repeatedly asked, but not received.

Only a comparatively few copies of such a work will be demanded, even under the most favorable circumstances. There should be a copy in the home of each family of the relations included in the history. In the course of fifty or one hundred years from this time, a copy of such a book will be considered a valuable document in the possession of our descendants. The author hopes, in its publication, not to sustain a pecuniary loss. He does not anticipate much profit, although its preparation has required a great deal of time, much labor, and close attention. The work has been an honest effort to afford some pleasure, and be of some benefit to others in the family connection. As such, its preparation has afforded a great deal of pleasure and enjoyment to the writer, at a period in his history when he has been largely shut out from social life and its endearments, by the loss to a great extent of the sense of hearing. The work as now completed is hopefully and respectfully committed to a long list of respected and—may we not trust?—sympathetic relatives.

Keep the History with special care. In the distant future it will become especially valuable as a book of reference in tracing Ancestral lines.

“Note thou this, the providence of God hath bound up families together,
To mutual aid and patient trial; yea, those ties are strong,
Friends are ever dearer in thy wealth, but relatives to be trusted in thy need,
For these are God’s appointed way, and those the choice of man.”

S. F. THOMPSON.

Oxford, O., January 1, 1898.

GENERAL REMARKS.

THE families represented in this history have very generally formerly been in quite moderate financial circumstances. They have been, to some extent, in the condition so earnestly desired by Agur, having "neither poverty nor riches." Our ancestors had all the inconveniences and hardships to endure, so common in new settlements, in the early history of our country. The most of them were farmers, lived in rude log cabins, often of but a single room, and well knew what it was to almost constantly wield the ax in felling the heavy primeval forests.

They lived mostly from the products of the soil; on what they raised and manufactured themselves. Money was a scarce article; but little could be secured and but little was used. While there was almost constant heavy toil, yet life was not without its pleasures and enjoyments. From year to year their condition was growing better. A brighter future, and full of cheer, loomed up in the distance. They had their pleasant homes and were often surrounded with large families of healthy, happy children. The relatives abroad, mostly in County Antrim, Ireland, were in the milling business, the mercantile business, the manufacture and sale of linen, a few in professional life, and some were farmers.

Our ancestors were not noted for political aspirations. They seem to have had no marked inclinations in that direction, and hence but few sought official favors. Some were elected as Justices of the Peace, a very few became active members of State Legislatures, and one, a distant relative, reached the highest office in the gift of the people—President of the United States. This was Chester A. Arthur. The same

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trait seems to have prevailed on the part of the family connection across the waters in the *Emerald Isle*; they were quiet, peaceable citizens, but not anxious for political preferment.

The education of our ancestors was usually such as could be obtained in the public or private schools of the day, and often not including more than the notorious three Rs—reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic. There may have been some exceptions, in early times, but certainly not many. Entire neglect, however, was not common; in fact, it was a thing of rare occurrence. Within the past fifty years more attention has been given to higher education, and so professional life has become more common. In some cases whole families are college graduates, and many of them occupy prominent positions in educational lines of work and in other professions. There is a commendable effort put forth by some to rise higher in the pursuits of life, and occupy positions of greater prominence and usefulness.

The ancestral lines on both sides were very generally a straightforward, industrious, upright, God-fearing people. Their church connections were largely of the Calvinistic, Psalm-singing Presbyterian order. They were firm believers in Bible truth, and salvation by grace. Comparatively few have fallen into habits of *drunkenness*. There is no large family connection entirely free from this terrible evil. It should in all cases be carefully guarded against. As far as my knowledge extends, there have been but few cases of extreme poverty on the one hand, and the instances of great wealth much less on the other.

Sanctified ambition to rise in the world is commendable, worthy of constant effort, and should receive due commendation. There is nothing condemnatory of aspiration to become leaders in thought, in morals and in religion. To become great and Christ-like, for the purpose of honoring our Creator and

attracting others to him, is certainly a worthy object in life. The best possible use of time and talents in the circumstances in which one is placed, together with environments with which one may be surrounded, would seem to indicate what should be done with the view of a noble and worthy existence. Accordingly, it is hoped that our descendants to the end of time will ever have high aims and in every way worthy objects of life; life in its truest and best sense here, and life in its higher and more perfect state hereafter. It is most earnestly desired that no one will forget personal accountability to God, or neglect the personal acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as a complete Saviour. Of a lost soul at the end of life, whatever else may be true, it may be well said, "It had been good for that man if he had not been born." There must of necessity be a failure in life, if it fails to have distinct reference to the obligations due the great Author of existence. That life must have been aimless, if it can still be said of it, when drawn to a close, "Having no hope and without God in the world."

"Look to thy soul, O man, for none can be surety for
 his brother;
 Behold, for heaven—or for hell—thou canst not escape
 immortality."

NOTE—In numbering, the Roman numbers I. V. etc., are used for near relatives; the plain figures, 1, 3, 7, etc., relatives not so near; and figures in parenthesis, (1), (3), (7), only remote relatives.

Grandfather Thompson.

Had this history been undertaken thirty years ago, much could have been learned that would have greatly added to its interest. A friend has well said, "I realize the mistake we make in not looking these matters up while we have those with us who could give the information." Past neglect cannot be remedied now, and so I will endeavor to do the best I can with such material as, after special effort, I have been able to collect.

My grandfather, **William Thompson**, was born in Scotland about the year 1741; but where he was born is not known. Neither is it known when he came to this country, except that it must have been when he was a young man. About his father's family there is nothing now known. He is first located in Adams County, Pennsylvania, near the Conowago stream. Some claim that he settled in Allegheny County, in "The Forks of Yough;" but the most reliable information is in favor of the former place, though later in life he may have lived at the "Forks" a few years.

He was married to Miss **SARAH PATTERSON** in Adams County, Pennsylvania, in 1779, where their children, ten in number, were all born. In the spring of 1797 he moved with his family to Ohio County, West Virginia, near West Liberty, where he lived on a farm owned by a half-brother of his wife—Joel Patterson. If grandfather lived in the "Forks of Yough" at all, it must have been about this period, as he removed to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres he purchased near Fairview, Guernsey County, Ohio, in April, 1805. His death took place a year later, in April, 1806. He was about sixty-five years of age. He was buried on the farm, probably because there was

no public cemetery at that time, anywhere near. There is said not to be even a rude stone set up to mark the place of his interment. His church connection is not certainly known, but it was most likely Associate Reformed Presbyterian. His trade was that of a stone-mason. He also worked on the farm. At work he was slow, but steady. While alone at work he would often sing in a humming way, but at the same time could sing no tune.

Grandmother, SARAH (PATTERSON) THOMPSON, was probably of Scotch-Irish descent, and is supposed to have been born in New Jersey, but the date and place of her birth have not been ascertained. Her ancestors very likely came to this country at an early day. After the death of her husband in 1806, the care of a large family largely devolved upon her. To this charge she most assiduously devoted herself, and her good judgment and influence in their training were very apparent in their lives and development. After they were all grown to manhood or womanhood, and were married, she made her home chiefly with her daughter, Mrs. Susanna Ferguson. Her death took place at an advanced age in 1832. She was buried in the Cemetery at Fairview, Guernsey County, Ohio. She is referred to as a devoted Christian woman. Her church membership was in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church at Fairview. Ten children were born to them in the above marriage, four sons and six daughters; all born in Adams County, Pennsylvania. Their names and birth dates are as follows:

- I. ANDREW THOMPSON. Born September 28, 1780.
- II. MARY THOMPSON. Born April 1, 1782.
- III. NELLIE THOMPSON. Born November 8, 1783.
- IV. JOHN THOMPSON. Born September 15, 1785.
- V. MARGARET THOMPSON. Born April 17, 1787.
- VI. SUSANNA THOMPSON. Born February 19, 1789.
- VII. JANE THOMPSON. Born March 8, 1791.

- VIII. WILLIAM THOMPSON. Born March 20, 1793.
- IX. ADAM THOMPSON Born February 6, 1795.
- X. SARAH THOMPSON. Born January 8, 1797.

Uncle Andrew Thompson and Family.

I. ANDREW THOMPSON was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1780. There is but little known concerning his boyhood days and early years. He entered the medical profession, but does not seem ever to have had an extensive practice. In or about the year 1807 he was married to Miss REBECCA BONER, and lived for a time a short distance from Mansfield, Ohio, near the old State road to Mt. Vernon.

He left Ohio in 1838 or 1839, removing in wagons to the State of Missouri. He first took up "squatter rights" in what is now Sullivan County, then homesteaded a tract of land, enduring in the meantime all the privations common at the time and under the conditions of new settlements; such as schools, churches, mills, and post-office conveniences. For many years his relatives lost sight of him and his children. No letters were received, no messages were sent, and his post office address was not known.

Cousin Isaac N. Thompson, having in some way obtained a little information with regard to the whereabouts of the family, took special pains the winter of 1872-3 to find out as much as possible about them. He spent a good deal of time making an extended visit and calling on many of his children's families. To him I am mainly indebted for the items I am able to give respecting this uncle's family.

Uncle Andrew's death took place at the home of his son, Charles B. Thompson, in 1865 or '66, when about eighty-five years of age. The time and place of his wife's death are not known. The same is true of his church relation—it is not known.

In 1872 five living children were reported—two sons and three daughters.

1. CHARLES B. THOMPSON.
2. LATHEDE THOMPSON.
3. REBECCA THOMPSON.
4. SALLIE SNELL THOMPSON.
5. DRUSILLA THOMPSON.

1. CHARLES B. THOMPSON was born in 1808. In due time he entered on the cares and joys of married life, and became the father of eight children, all of whom reached maturity. His wife seems to have been the first to have been removed by death. His death took place in April, 1892, when well advanced in years. The names of his children are:

- (1). LATHEDE, JR. Dead.
- (2). WESLEY. Lives at Owasco, Missouri.
- (3). REBECCA. Married to Clayton Harmon. Lives near Owasco, Missouri.
- (4). LIZZIE. Dead.
- (5). JOHN. Lives at or near Owasco, Missouri.
- (6). ALBERT. Dead.
- (7). SUSIE. Dead.
- (8). WILLIAM. Lives near Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri.

2. As respects Cousin LATHEDE THOMPSON, but little can be written. In December, 1894, he was reported as living at Wintersville, Sullivan County, Missouri. He was married and, a part of his life, had poor health. Twelve children, hearty and robust, were born as the result of his married life, all daughters. For want of information the names only can be given.

- (1). DRUSILLA ANN. Dead.
- (2). SALLIE MARIA. Married.
- (3). NANCY MARINDA. Married. Left a widow.
- (4). EMMA SOPHRONIA.

- (5). CHRISTINA LONI. Dead.
- (6). ALICE REBECCA.
- (7). URSULA CAROLINA.
- (8). AMERICUS JOSEPHINE.
- (9). ELIZABETH SIBERIA.
- (10). FEDORA LUCRETIA.
- (11). THEODOSIA LETITIA.

(12). No name yet found for the twelfth daughter when reported. It is not much wonder. Such a long string of double names for daughters is seldom found.

The daughters of Uncle Andrew Thompson were all married.

3. REBECCA, married C. I. Sloan, and lived when last reported several miles west of Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri.

4. SALLIE SNELL was married to a Mr. Snell.

5. DRUSILLA was married to Mr. Stillman. Each of these cousins have large families, but nothing more is known having a bearing on this history.

II. MARY THOMPSON. Mary was born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1782. Concerning her life and character, for want of information, but little can be written. She was married to Christy Carothers, near Fairview, Ohio. She seems to have lived first in Guernsey County, and the latter part of her life in Richland County, Ohio. Her death took place January 25, 1859, and she was buried in Monroe Cemetery, in the county where she last resided. Uncle Carothers is supposed to have died in Knox County, some years later. No children were born to them. The family has become extinct.

III. NELLIE THOMPSON. Her birth took place in Adams County, Pennsylvania, November 8, 1783. She died when quite young, apparently in infancy.

IV. JOHN THOMPSON. Born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1785. He was removed from earth, from its joys and sorrows, like his sister, when quite young. Death sometimes visits the same home at short intervals.

V. MARGARET THOMPSON. She was born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1787. I am in total ignorance as to her life, until her marriage to JOHN STEWART, near Fairview, Ohio, October 5, 1819. He probably lived for a while in Belmont County, but for quite a number of years he had his home on his farm, about three miles southwest of Mansfield, in Richland County, Ohio. He was a man of solid Christian integrity, noted for his intelligence, held for some years the office of "Justice of the Peace," and for many years was a ruling elder in the United Presbyterian Church of Mansfield, Ohio. His death took place very suddenly and unexpectedly, on March 21, 1866. His nephew, Isaac N. Thompson, had just called to see him. Uncle came into the room, sat down on a chair, and remarked that he was not feeling well; said he had the sensation of having eaten too much, would bloat up, and had a shooting pain about his right shoulder. He then said, "I suppose you have often felt that way." Then, putting back his left hand to show where it was, he fell off the chair onto the floor, and at once expired. How forcibly this should impress on our minds the command of the Savior, "*Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.*" When his death took place he was in his seventyninth year. He was laid to rest in the Cemetery at Mansfield.

Aunt Margaret Stewart was noted for her quiet Christian life and for her careful attention to her household and family duties. She was for many years a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church. She survived her husband a little over seventeen years, her death taking place July 5, 1883, in

the ninety-seventh year of her age. Her body was laid in the grave by the side of her husband, at Mansfield, to await the resurrection of the just. Ten children were born to these parents, and committed sacredly to their care.

1. SARAH STEWART. She was born in Belmont County, Ohio, March 12, 1811. She was married to John B. Ramsey December 30, 1830. Mrs. Ramsey now maintains quite a vigorous old age. She is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and resides at Roscoe, Iowa.

Mr. Ramsey was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1796. He was a farmer. His death took place at Mediapolis, Iowa, September 3, 1876. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Nine children were born to them, as follows:

(1). MARGARET ANN. Born October 27, 1831. Her death took place near Mansfield, Ohio, July 24, 1851.

(2). SUSAN EMELINE. She was born May 20, 1833. Being married to my brother David, a statement will be given concerning her in connection with his history.

(3). SAMANTHA. Her birth took place January 6, 1835. She was married to David Thompson, and lived a number of years near Kirkwood, Ill. He died several years ago. The family now live at Peotone, Kansas. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church. The family is composed of six children.

FRANKLIN. Died when about two years of age.

ALVAH D.

WILLIAM.

CORA M.

JAMES H.

MAY.

(4). MARIA. Born April 5, 1837, and was married April 12, 1882, to Fred Goudie, a farmer near Roscoe, Iowa. Mrs.

Goudie had a terrible experience in the cyclone at Ellison, Illinois, May 30, 1858. She had her arm broken and badly injured close to the shoulder. Amputation could not safely take place, and it was feared for a time that she would not survive, but she bore the trial, and now has some use of the arm. But in times of storms she is still timid. She was with her sister, Mrs. D. R. Thompson, when the storm occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Goudie are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

(5). MARY JANE. She was born May 15, 1839. She was married to D. L. Tennant, a farmer. His present residence is Moran, Oklahoma. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. Two children have been born to them, Estella and Gertrude.

(6). ALVIRA. Born February 1, 1841. She was married to Joseph Goudie, at Mediapolis, Iowa, February 22, 1877. He was born in Des Moines County, Iowa, in November, 1845. Mr. Goudie is in the grain business at Anthony, Kansas. Four children have been born to them.

SARAH EVA. Born in Sedgwick County, Kansas, February 11, 1878. She graduated in the High School of Anthony, Kansas, in 1896. Her home is with her parents, a helpful, dutiful daughter.

INFANT DAUGHTER. Born June 5, 1880. Died July 7, 1880.

LUCY M. Born October 11, 1881. Died September 28, 1883.

INFANT SON. Born June 28, 1883. Died July 5, 1883.

(7). THOMAS FINDLEY. He was born July 16, 1843. On the 7th of August, 1862, he enlisted in the Army of the United States, for the suppression of the rebellion. He died April 8, 1864, at Mediapolis, Iowa.

(8). HARRIET. Born April 27, 1846, and died at Mediapolis, Iowa, September 23, 1860. How brief her existence.

It had scarce been entered upon, when death came and claimed her as its victim.

(9.) WILLIAM FRANKLIN. Born May 8, 1848. He is the youngest member of the family, and was married to Mary E. Thompson, in October, 1870. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and lives at Pender, Nebraska.

One child has been born to them, VIOLETTA. Her death took place in 1880, leaving an aching void in the hearts of the parents; but they have trusted in the Lord to be sustained in the severe trial.

2. SUSANNA STEWART was born in Belmont County, Ohio, July 9, 1812. She was married to John Farmer, and lived in Mansfield, Ohio, and on a farm in its vicinity. His death took place in the fall of 1846. She died September 14, 1885. Two children were born to them.

(1.) JOHN S. Born June 28, 1844. He studied law, and the last known of him lived some place in West Virginia.

(2.) JAMES M. Born December 6, 1845, near Mansfield. He is a farmer. Post-office address, Manfield, Ohio.

3. SAMUEL STEWART. He was born October 10, 1813, in Belmont County, Ohio, and married Elizabeth Fletcher. They lived for some years in Virginia, where he died August 30, 1863. His wife's death took place later. They had one son and three daughters.

(1.) JOHN.

(2.) ELIZABETH.

(3.) MIRANDA.

(4.) DAUGHTER. Died in infancy. No name.

4. WILLIAM STEWART. His birth took place in Belmont, County, Ohio, May 16, 1815. He engaged in farm work with his father on the old homestead. He was married, after being somewhat advanced in years, to Martha Isabel Law, December 13, 1866, at Mansfield, Ohio. She died January 29, 1880,

and was buried in the Mansfield Cemetery. Cousin William Stewart has been quite an invalid for some time. He lives on the old farm, about three miles southeast of Mansfield, Ohio. No children.

5. HARRIET STEWART. She was born near Mansfield, Ohio, March 26, 1817. She entered the marriage relation with ADAM CASE. They lived first in Mansfield, Ohio; later, in Fairfield, Iowa. He followed the carpenter business. In the summer of 1848 I attended a kind of make-shift Academy at Mansfield, boarding with Mr. Case, and have pleasant memories of the family. She died at Fairfield, Iowa, September 24, in or about the year 1857. He died, after a second marriage, in Iowa, several years after the death of his first wife. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had a large family—eight children, as follows:

- (1). MARIA.
- (2). ELIZABETH.
- (3). GEORGE H.
- (4). WILLIAM.
- (5). FRANCIS.
- (6). HARRIET.
- (7). CATHARINE H.
- (8). LETTIE.

6. MARIA STEWART. Born near Mansfield, Ohio, January 20, 1819. She was scarcely developed into womanhood when death came and claimed her as its victim. She died at her father's home, and place of her birth, August 25, 1835. She was buried in the Mansfield Cemetery.

“Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north-winds breath,
And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast *all* seasons for thine own, O Death!”

7. ROBERT STEWART. His birth took place near Mansfield, Ohio, January 1, 1821. He married Christina Ihrig.

They lived for several years near Mansfield, after which they moved to Iowa. His death is supposed to have taken place at Bentonsport, in the above State. His wife's residence at present is at Des Moines, Iowa. But one child—JOHN F. Nothing is known of his residence or business.

8. MARGARETTA. Born near Mansfield, Ohio, July 27, 1823. She was married to Ephraim Newlan. She died in the State of Iowa, September 8, 1847. There were two children born to them.

(1). LUCY.

(2). JOHN.

Their homes are supposed to be in Iowa.

9. JULIA ANN. She was born near Mansfield, Ohio, March 4, 1826. She was doomed but to bloom into womanhood, when disease set in, and her death ensued at the paternal home March 10, 1841. Her remains were laid at rest in the Mansfield Graveyard.

10. MIRANDA. Born near Mansfield, Ohio, October 6, 1829. She was married to John B. Colwell, in November, 1860. He died August 8, 1894, near Windsor, Ohio, and was buried at Lexington, Ohio. He was by occupation a farmer. They had four children.

Two died when young and no names given.

(1). JENNIE. Born August, 1861, died October 23, 1893.

(2). MAGGIE. Born near Lexington, Ohio, in December, 1862. She lives with her mother near Windsor, Ohio, and is commendably spoken of for her Christian character and her devotion to home interests.

VI. SUSANNA THOMPSON. Born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1789. She was married to Samuel Ferguson, near Fairview, Ohio, in or about the year 1813. Uncle Ferguson was born in County Down, Ireland, August 25,

1788. His father removed to Charleston, South Carolina, in 1810. When his son Samuel came north is not known, but his entire married life was passed on a farm near Fairview, Ohio. Aunt Susan's death occurred in April, 1858. She was buried in the Fairview Cemetery. One of her sons says, "I had as good a mother as ever lived on this earth." Her husband's death took place in 1830, near Fairview, where he was buried. They were both members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Their family was large—eight children being born to them.

1. WILLIAM S. FERGUSON. Born December 12, 1814, near Fairview, Ohio. In the spring of 1850, he, with a number of others from Fairview and vicinity, went by the overland route to California to engage in the gold-mining business. The excitement ran high and persons from all over the country were going, or had gone, to California to make a fortune. It was at the time I was engaged in college work, and it was the spring vacation. I was visiting relatives in the Fairview vicinity when the company left for Wheeling, Virginia, to take a boat and go down the Ohio river. I went with them to see them start. I did not become very much excited, however, feeling quite well satisfied to remain at home and persevere in the prosecution of my educational work. After a long, wearisome journey of several months, the party reached their destination sometime in the fall. Cousin William operated near Nevada City and other places in California, and for some time was quite successful, but lost largely what he had accumulated, before his death, which took place at Silver City, California, after his having been in the mining business over twenty years. He was unmarried.

2. JOHN FERGUSON. Born near Fairview, Ohio, September 26, 1816. He entered the marriage relation with Miss Nancy Morrow, and was a farmer. He died at the old home-

stead in August, 1867, and was buried at Fairview. There were nine children—all born near Fairview.

- (1). SAMUEL. A farmer near Newman, Illinois.
- (2). JANE L. Married a Mr. Aukrum, a farmer at Fairview, Ohio.

(3). WILLIAM. Died at about twelve years of age.
Buried at Fairview.

- (4). MARGARET A. Died when young.
- (5). SUSANNA. Died when small.
- (6). JOHN. Also died young.
- (7). ANDREW. Is married and lives near Middlebourne, Guernsey County, Ohio. He is a farmer.

(8). NANCY. Married to a Mr. Low. Resides near Middlebourne, and a farmer.

(9). AMANDA. Married a Mr. Jeffers, a farmer, living near Fairview.

3. ADAM FERGUSON. Born near Fairview, Ohio, June 19, 1818. He died in infancy.

4. DAVID FERGUSON. Born in 1820, near Fairview. His death took place also in infancy.

5. SAMUEL FERGUSON. Was born at Fairview, Ohio, September 14, 1822. He was married May 31, 1847, to Miss Pura Mills. One child was born to them,—Mary. She died when only a few months old. Mrs. Ferguson died, but no statement has been given respecting the time her death occurred. He was married a second time, to Miss Nancy A. Wilson, October 29, 1859. She was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, in 1833. In September, 1882, he moved to McMinn County, Tennessee. Until this time his home had been near Fairview, Ohio, where he had engaged in farm work. He died in McMinn County, Tennessee, June 24, 1894. Seven children were born to them, near Fairview, Guernsey County, Ohio.

(1). WILLIAM T. Born August 4, 1860. Died September 14, 1861.

(2). THOMAS J. Born August 11, 1862. He is a farmer and school-teacher. In the latter business he will find ample scope in Tennessee, and—may I not hope—a suitable reward for faithfulness in the line of his profession. His post-office address is Nonaburgh, Tennessee.

(3). SAMUEL L. Born July 31, 1865. He entered married life with Miss Maggie Dixon, July 3, 1893. He is a farmer.

(4). MARIETTA. Born June 9, 1868. She was married to John Reynolds when quite young, being only in her sixteenth year, December 11, 1883. They live on a ranch in the Cherokee Nation. Post-office address, Catoosa, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

(5). SUSAN A. Born March 10, 1871. Lives with her mother at Nonaburgh, Tennessee.

(6). JAMES W. Born September 15, 1873. Lives with his mother.

(7). ROSA B. Born March 29, 1876. At her mother's home, Nonaburgh, Tennessee.

6. THOMAS FERGUSON. He was born near Fairview, Ohio, August 27, 1824. He was married to Miss Margaret M. Mills, January 13, 1848. She was born September 1, 1824. He has always been engaged in the business of a farmer; first, near Fairview, Ohio, but latterly in the vicinity of Redmon, Edgar County, Illinois. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. Nine children. Born near Fairview, Ohio.

(1). PURA LAVINIA. Born February 8, 1849. Married W. S. Ryan. They had four children born to them. Samuel T., John Otis, Charles and Otho. Mr. Ryan's death took place February 20, 1882. Her second marriage took place with Tony Motch. They live near Conception, Nodaway County,

Missouri, and are members of the Catholic Church. They are the only ones known to be so connected in religion among the entire relationship.

(2). WILLIAM S. Born December 2, 1850. He still remains single, lives with his parents, and has charge of his father's farm near Redmon, Illinois.

(3). SUSANNA. Born December 29, 1852. Married Hugh Trimble. There have been born to them seven children: Eurita E., Elsa E., Maggie I., Arthur, Erie, Raymond and Ethel S. She lives near Redmon, Illinois.

(4). SAMUEL H. Born February 12, 1855. He was a physician; practiced at Conception, Missouri, and at Harney, South Dakota. He started the tin mine business at a place he named Etta, after his sister. He was unmarried. His death took place November 9, 1884, from the effect of an accidental musket shot in his left hand. His remains were taken to Ohio and interred in the Cemetery at Fairview.

(5). BYRON H. Born September 23, 1857. He was married in 1888 to Miss Emma Hollenbeck. They live in South Dakota, at the Etta tin-mines. He is engaged in mining and cattle-ranch business. Two children, a son and daughter, have been born to them. Hallie O. and Ephel A.

(6). HUGH MCCLENAHAN. Born October 15, 1859, and was married September 13, 1884, in Edgar County, Illinois, to Miss Ida B. Chesroun. He is a farmer near Redmon, Illinois. There are four children in this family: Thomas O., died when about four months old; Theresa G., Bertha and Bernice.

(7). KATE ETTA. Born March 29, 1862. She is quite an intelligent, interesting young lady. Her home is with her parents at Redmon, Illinois, where she makes herself very useful in the careful attention given to household duties, and in the care of an invalid mother.

(8). MARGARET L. Born August 1, 1865. She was married to Douglass Merkle, at Olney, Illinois, September 29, 1888. He is a successful farmer living near Brocton, Edgar County, Illinois. They have two very interesting little daughters, Etoile and Lola Lafern.

(9). LYDIA MARY, the youngest member of the family, was born December 11, 1866. She lives with her father at Redmon, Illinois, seems thoughtful of an afflicted mother, is a good conversationalist, and seems willing and ready to do her part to make home pleasant and cheerful. It is commendable to let all the sunshine possible into the home life, and to be ready at its close for the happy home above, where all will be peace and joy and where no sorrow can ever enter.

7. LYDIA ANN, daughter of Uncle Samuel Ferguson, was born near Fairview, Ohio, in 1826. She married John A. Dillehay, who lived near Fairview. They now live in Crooks City, Lawrence County, South Dakota. Nine children were born to them, two sons and seven daughters.

(1). Susanna, (2) Addine, (3) Andrew, (4) Nancy Ann, (5) Samuel T., were born at Fairview, Ohio. The names of the other children are not known.

8. ANDREW, son of Uncle Samuel Ferguson, was born at Fairview, Ohio, in February, 1829. He is unmarried and lives at Holt, Flathead County, Montana, on a fruit farm.

VII. JANE THOMPSON. Born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1791. She was married to WILLIAM STEWART (a brother to Uncle John Stewart) August 11, 1814, near Fairview, Ohio. Mr. Stewart was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1789. They moved near Newville, Richland County, Ohio, in or about the year 1818, where they continued to live through life. He was a straightforward, conscientious Christian man. They were both members of the

United Presbyterian Church. Aunt lived a quiet, peaceable life, giving close and careful attention to her large family, and household affairs. She died August 24, 1858. His death took place February 27, 1876, in his eighty-seventh year. They were both buried in the Monroe Cemetery, Richland County, Ohio. They had an unusually large family, eleven children having been born to them, as follows:

1. SARAH ANN STEWART. Born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1816. She died at her paternal home, near Newville, Ohio, December 6, 1868, and was buried at Monroe.

2. NELLIE STEWART. Born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, September 6, 1817. Lives on a farm about eight miles southeast of Mansfield, Ohio, near the old Monroe Church.

3. POLLY STEWART. Born July 4, 1819, near Newville, Ohio. Her marriage with Thomas Kinton took place January 29, 1839. She was the mother of three children: (1) William, (2) Martha, (3) Thomas N. She died February 6, 1884, and was buried in the Monroe Cemetery.

4. SAMUEL STEWART. He was born November 13, 1820, near Newville, Ohio. Was married to Miss Catharine Bilz in 1845. They had five children. Names not known. His death took place in January, 1869.

5. WILLIAM T. STEWART. Born June 3, 1822, near Newville, Richland County, Ohio. He entered the marriage relation with Margaret Tarrass. No date given. Four children have been born to them. He is an elder in the United Presbyterian Church, and seems to enjoy a quiet, peaceable farm life, near Newville, Ohio.

6. SUSANNA STEWART. Born July 29, 1824. Died February 25, 1837, near Newville, Ohio, also the place of her birth.

7. JOHN STEWART. Born July 11, 1826, near Newville. His death took place September 22, 1849. The probability is that all the children that died at home were buried in the Monroe Cemetery, though I have not been so informed.

8. ISAAC STEWART. His birth took place July 23, 1828. His death took place April 4, 1829. But little known of earth when removed to the realms of glory above.

9. JANE STEWART. Born October 8, 1830, near Newville, Ohio. Unmarried. She died February 27, 1888, and was buried at Monroe.

10. NANCY STEWART. Born near Newville, Ohio, October 29, 1832. She was married to my oldest brother, William Thompson, as his fourth wife, at his home in Henderson County, Illinois, in March, 1857. On the death of her husband, who was killed in a cyclone on Sabbath evening, May 30, 1858, she returned to Ohio and made her home with her father. She would willingly have remained in Illinois, and made the attempt to keep the children—four in number—together, but it was not thought best by the near relatives that she should make the attempt, she being only a step-mother and not being long in the family. I have since thought that perhaps this was a mistake, but I do not feel sure about it. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and an earnest, conscientious Christian woman. Her death took place at her father's home, near Newville, Ohio, May 14, 1875, in the forty-third year of her age. She was buried in the Monroe Cemetery.

11. MARGARET STEWART. Born near Newville, Ohio, October 30, 1834. She lives on a farm. Her post-office address is Hastings, Richland County, Ohio. It will be seen by looking over Uncle William Stewart's large family record, that but three of the family are now living; eight have crossed the Jordan of death, and have entered, as we hope and trust, the better country—the home of the redeemed.

Uncle William Thompson and Family.

VIII. WILLIAM THOMPSON. Born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1793. Nothing is known of his history until his marriage to Miss Margaret Raitt, near Fairview, Ohio, December 5, 1816. She was my mother's sister, and Uncle William, my father's brother. Two sisters were married to two brothers. The history of Aunt Margaret will be given in its proper place, under the head of the Raitt family. In 1829 Uncle moved from Fairview onto a farm he had purchased near Lucas, in Richland County, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his days. Besides his regular farm work he ran a small saw-mill, when water was sufficient, for several years. He was so unfortunate as to become blind a short time before his death, and thus was deprived of one great source of enjoyment in life. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He died in his eighty-fifth year, at the old homestead near Lucas, Ohio, October 13, 1877, and was buried in the Monroe Cemetery. Aunt died a few months earlier. Eleven children were born to them—a large family.

1. DAVID RAITT THOMPSON. He was born near Fairview, Ohio, May 11, 1818. He was a farmer, and a teacher in the Public Schools. He was not married. His death took place at Logansport, Indiana, December 26, 1846, where he was interred.

2. SARAH THOMPSON. Born November 7, 1819, near Fairview, Ohio. She was married at the home of her parents to SAMUEL STEWART, December 25, 1845. He was a farmer living near Lucas, Ohio. He died September 15, 1850. He left one son.

(1). ROBERT NEWTON. He was born March 21, 1847. He married Miss Sarah J. McKee, August 18, 1869. She is a daughter of Samuel and Mary McKee. Seven children have been born to them near Mansfield, Ohio.

OAKLEY. Born July 7, 1870. Died February 27, 1873.

BLANCHE. Born October 11, 1873. At home.

MAUD. Born February 25, 1876. At home.

MABEL. Born November 4, 1878. At home.

DWIGHT. Born January 26, 1881. At home.

JENNIE. Born June 29, 1886. At home.

LESSIE. Born October 15, 1889. Died October 18, 1892.

R. N. Stewart lives on a farm a short distance south of Mansfield, Ohio. He is a ruling elder in the United Presbyterian Church and bears the reputation of being an upright Christian man. They have an interesting family of children, carefully trained by their parents for Christ and his service.

Cousin SARAH STEWART was married a second time, to WILLIAM FINNEY, November 7, 1853. He was a widower and had five children, as follows:

(1). JAMES PATTERSON, who will receive special mention in connection with his wife, Cousin Lizzie Short.

(2). WILLIAM. Killed by the running away of a horse, when a mere boy.

(3). MARGARET. Married to Hiram Ayers. Dead.

(4). MAY. Married Denny B. Simpson.

(5). ALPHARETTA. Married to John Crouch. Her second marriage was to John Shortiff.

Mr. Finney was a farmer. His home was near Mansfield, Ohio. His death will be portrayed under the heading of

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

It was Thursday night, December 6, 1877. The weather was cold and bracing. There were two families occupying the house of William Finney, living in different apartments. After the usual family devotions, each family had retired to rest;—the son, Rev. J. P. Finney, a little earlier than common. Very soon all were quiet and in the enjoyment of peaceful slumber.

Away in the dead of the night a strange noise was heard by the younger family, in the room where the aged couple had retired for repose. Mrs. Finney supposing that some one was sick, quickly arose, approached the door which led to the room where the old folks slept, found it open and saw the outline of a man; but, not recognizing him as a stranger, went on, and in a moment was struck and felled to the floor in an unconscious state.

Then a rush was made for the bedroom where she and her husband slept. He had just risen in his bed, when he was struck a terrible blow on his side, breaking the butt of the gun. When, in a moment, he saw a second stroke about to follow, he grasped the musket; and in the struggle for life, wrenched it from the hands of the would be assassin. In the struggle, however, he received a severe blow just over the right eye. At this juncture, Mr. Finney, supposing his wife to have been killed, ran quickly up-stairs to arouse a hired man and prepare if necessary for a further defense. His daughter, Minnehaha, then only ten years of age, was lying on a lounge near the stairway. With lamp in his hand, in search of Mr. Finney, she distinctly saw the face of a negro man who lived in the neighborhood,—one she knew well too. She plainly heard him say “Where is he gone?” and, strange though it may seem, she kept perfectly quiet.

It was feared that the intruder had accomplices, and that he was not alone in his nefarious work. So the two up-stairs talked loudly about the use of revolvers and muskets, though no such weapons were in their possession. This is supposed to have frightened the colored man, and so he soon decamped, as he entered the house, through a raised kitchen window.

In the meantime a window was raised in the room above, and the cry of murder, oft repeated, reverberated through the stillness of the night to arouse if possible some one in the neighborhood. In a little time the men went down-stairs, and when

the younger Mrs. Finney, coming to consciousness, saw the face of her husband covered with blood, she exclaimed, "Mr. Finney, *what does this mean?*" Herbert, their oldest son, then only about nine years of age, asked his mother what they should do. She replied, "We can only pray." He said at once, "I have been praying." Mrs. Finney had a cut on her head of two or three inches, inflicted by the blow of a musket.

On going into the bedroom below they found the elder Mr. Finney lying in an unconscious state, clotted over with blood, yet still breathing. His wife, unconscious too, was wandering about in an adjoining room and calling feebly for help. There was a terrible gash across the left side of her face, from which the blood still continued to flow. Such was the state of things in the usually quiet home of Wm. S. Finney and son, a little past midnight of December 7, 1877.

The hired man was sent at once to give the alarm among the neighbors. Dr. Craig, the family physician, was promptly summoned; the police of Mansfield were informed of what had taken place and their services requested without delay. The physician arrived at 2:30 A. M., just in time to see Mr. Finney breathe his last. Mrs. Finney, having received a fearful blow on her face, complained of a feeling of chilliness, and but little could be done for her, except to restore natural heat, until the next day. For several days she seemed unconscious of what had taken place, or what was going on around her. Crowds gathered at this home early the following morning to ascertain the character of the injuries received, to give needful help and show sympathy for the afflicted families. The funeral, arranged for Saturday, the ninth, was largely attended and the body quietly laid to peaceful rest in the Mansfield Cemetery.

The object in breaking into the house was evidently *money*. A few hogs had been driven to market on Thursday, and it was no doubt supposed by the robber, that Mr. Finney had

money in the house. But the attempt to secure money proved an entire failure.

The name of the negro was *Edward Webb*. It had snowed a little during the night, and he was tracked across the field to his very door in Mansfield, the next morning, and he was arrested the same day about nine o'clock A. M. The people becoming very much excited, there was danger of mob violence. The family, however, very wisely urged that only lawful measures be resorted to for the punishment of the offender. When the trial took place, the chief witness against the accused was Miss Minnehaha Finney, then only in her eleventh year. She previously knew the man well, saw him distinctly by the light of the lamp, and showed a great deal of tact and sagacity, for one of her age, in giving testimony. There was also very strong circumstantial evidence brought forward against the accused. When the trial was ended the jury promptly brought in a verdict of "guilty of murder in the first degree." Accordingly he was sentenced to death by the presiding Judge, to take place May 31, 1878. When the time arrived the sentence was put into execution. Thus ends the most terrible tragedy in our family history, and may there never be, while time lasts, the occurrence of another like it.

Since the death of her husband Cousin Sarah Finney has made her home with her son, R. N. Stewart. Her death took place near Mansfield, Ohio, September 7, 1896, in the seventy-seventh year of her age. She was for many years a conscientious, active member of the United Presbyterian Church.

3. WILLIAM THOMPSON. He was born near Fairview, Ohio, September 2, 1821. His younger years were passed on his father's farm, near Lucas, Ohio. He was married to Miss Nancy Tarrass, near Newville, Richland County, Ohio, September 4, 1845. Having sold his farm at Lucas, he moved to Iowa in 1856, and finally settled near Blairstown, in Benton County,

where his wife died June 8, 1866, leaving ten children, five sons and five daughters.

(1). WILLIAM WILSON. Born near Lucas, Ohio, August 14, 1846. Married. Lives at Archer, Florida.

(2). NANCY JEANNETTE. Born March 12, 1848. Married and had four children. Dead.

(3). SARAH JANE. Born July 31, 1850, at Lucas, Ohio. Dead.

(4). SAMANTHA. Born at Lucas, Ohio, August 31, 1852. Dead.

(5). JOHN. Born at Lucas, Ohio, October 20, 1854. Resides near Blairstown, Iowa. A farmer.

(6). MARY. Born June 7, 1857, near Blairstown, Iowa. Post-office address, Marcus, Iowa.

(7). IRA. Born December 10, 1859, at Blairstown, Iowa. Dead.

(8). ALVIRA. Twin with the above. Also dead.

(9). ISAAC NEWTON. Born at Blairstown, Iowa, July 31, 1862.

(10). ENOS SHERMAN. Born January 2, 1865, near Blairstown, Iowa. Married. Residence, Blairstown, Iowa.

Cousin William Thompson was married a second time, to Mrs. Lydia Keiper, December 24, 1866. He had in 1894 twenty grandchildren and one great-grandson. He lives at Blairstown, Benton County, Iowa, and is a farmer. Nearly all his children follow the same line of business, in Iowa. His church connection is what is known as "Evangelical." In his last letter he says, "We are still serving God as best we can." How true the language of the Psalmist:

"They shall bring forth fruit in old age."

And, "Thou shalt thy children's children see,
And peace on Israel."

4. LILLIS. Born near Fairview, Ohio, June 5, 1823. She was married to David Stewart, near Lucas, Ohio, May 24, 1849. She was quite an invalid for several years of her life, and at times very helpless. Her death took place near Lucas, September 25, 1893. Mr. Stewart was a farmer, but did not have a vigorous constitution. He died June 21, 1892, preceding the death of his wife a little over a year. They were both buried in the Monroe Cemetery. They were members of the United Presbyterian Church.

5. MARGARET. Born near Fairview, Ohio, July 24, 1825. Unmarried. For many years she performed faithful work in caring for her aged parents and in household duties. She died at the home of her nephew, Robert N. Stewart, near Mansfield, Ohio, March 25, 1890, and was buried at Monroe. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

6. JAMES V. Born near Fairview, Ohio, July 2, 1827. He worked at home on his father's farm, near Lucas, Ohio, until about the close of 1851. In January, 1852, he started for California, where he remained nearly five years working in the gold-mines, with varied success. Soon after his return to his home in Ohio, he was married to Miss Hadassah A. Wilson, December 18, 1856. She was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1838. He was in the army a short time during the Civil War, in the one-hundred-day service, in the 163rd regiment, Ohio National Guards. He was assigned to a position on the color guard and did good service. He owns and lives on a farm near Lucas, Ohio.

Eight children have been born to them in the above marriage; four sons and four daughters; all born near Lucas, Ohio.

(1). CERELDA ANN. Born October 20, 1857. Married John G. D. Tucker October 10, 1878. Their home for a time was in Marshall County, Kansas. She came home on a visit

to her parents, and died there November 23, 1885. She left three daughters: Celeste Fidelia, Ida Pearl, Lulu Myrtle.

(2). JOHN SHERMAN. Born February 29, 1860. He graduated at Westminster College, Pennsylvania, in June, 1888, and from the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Allegheny, April 27, 1892. On the sixth of September, 1892, he was married to Miss Mary Maud Hanna, at Jamestown, Pennsylvania. His first pastoral settlement was at Unity and Clintonville, in the Presbytery of Butler, Pennsylvania, lasting only two years, from June, 1892, to June, 1894. He left this work to accept an appointment in the home field at Newton, Kansas. Very soon after this he received an appointment as a foreign missionary to India. This he accepted, and set sail from New York for his new field of labor, October 13, 1894. He has now been in the field more than three years, and is doubtless ere this well qualified to take hold of active, aggressive work in behalf of the perishing in India, and to the honor of his Master. May his life long be spared, and may abundant success crown his labors. One child, Mary Leila, was born in Pennsylvania, August 28, 1893. His post-office address is Rawal Pindi, Punjab, India.

(3). LEONA M. Born September 21, 1861. She was married to Orrin F. Tucker April 2, 1880. Her husband is a carpenter by trade and lives at North Harvey, Illinois. They have five children. Two dead. The names of the living are, James Dufton, Tillie Mabel, and Bessie.

(4). MARY ALICE. Born May 12, 1863. She was married to Cary Welty, November 15, 1882. He is a farmer, with his home near Lucas, Ohio. Three children have been born to them; Mary Estella, John Dwight, and David Raymond.

(5). LILLIS L. Born November 2, 1865. At home, Lucas, Ohio.

(6). WILLARD J. Born August 15, 1871. A farmer. Post-office address, Blairstown, Iowa.

(7). LAWRENCE A. Born October 14, 1872. Assisting to run his father's farm, at Lucas, Ohio.

(8). IRA HINTON. Born January 11, 1876. At home.

7. JOHN HUNTER. Born near Lucas, Ohio, September 10, 1829. He worked at home on his father's farm until late in 1852, when he started for California to engage in the gold-mining business with his brother James. On his way to New York City, at Dunkirk, he was severely injured in a railroad wreck, but was able to continue his journey, and in due time reached his destination. His injuries, however, proved to be more serious than he anticipated. He died in his brother's care, soon after his arrival in California, January 15, 1853, aged twenty-three years, four months and five days. Christians may say truly,

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*“But when, or where, or how we're called to go—
I would not know.”*

But it is well to be ready, “ For in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.”

8. JOSEPH. He was born near Lucas, Ohio, March 12, 1832. He was a farmer and lived near the place of his birth until the time of his death. Unmarried. His death took place at his home, December 23, 1893. He lived a quiet, peaceable life, and was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

9. MARIA. Born near Lucas, Ohio, June 11, 1835. She was a quiet, faithful daughter at home during the lifetime of her parents, and as long as she lived. After their death she assisted in keeping house for her brother Joseph, until his death. She has since made her home chiefly with her nephew, R. N. Stewart, near Mansfield, Ohio. She is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

10. ISAAC NEWTON. He was born near Lucas, Ohio, December 18, 1837. His early years, outside of attendance at Public Schools, were devoted to work on his father's farm. He entered the marriage relation with Miss Alice N. Welch, August 31, 1865. She claims Ireland, where she was born, as her native country. During the Civil War he spent three years and nearly three months in the union army, enlisting in Company E, 64th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was in General Sherman's brigade and participated in most of the hard fought battles of the army of the Cumberland,—Shiloh, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Franklin, etc. Yet, as he himself has expressed it, "I was never laid out by ball, or shot, or shell; although struck by several. I had my canteen and haversack shot off, my gun shivered to pieces in my hands, and my hat carried away by canister shot." Cousin Isaac and wife know from experience what it means to be in delicate health. He has been engaged a part of his life in the mercantile business. He lives at present at Monroe, Hastings post-office, Richland County, Ohio. No children. They are members of the Baptist Church.

11. SILVANUS. Born near Lucas, Ohio, August 14, 1840. Lived at home with his parents and engaged in work on the farm. He was taken down with that terrible disease, cancer—cancer of the stomach—causing great suffering, and terminating in death, September 30, 1866. His body was laid to rest in the Monroe Cemetery.

IX. ADAM THOMPSON, *my father*, was born February 6, 1795, in Adams County, Pennsylvania, some place near the Conowago stream. He moved in his boyhood days with his father's family to Guernsey County, Ohio, near Fairview. His educational opportunities were quite limited, but such as he had seem to have been well improved. He was married to Miss

Jane Raitt, at the residence of his brother William and her sister Margaret, November 1, 1821, near Fairview, Ohio. He lived for several years on his farm of eighty acres, about two miles south of Fairview. He and his brother, living on adjoining farms, seem at first to have had but *one horse* with which to do the farm work on both farms. In 1828 the farms were sold, and in the spring of 1829 the two brothers moved in wagons to Richland County, Ohio. My father lived the first year on a rented farm near Olivesburgh, in the same county. He then moved onto a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of good land, he had purchased, near Auburn Center, in what is now Crawford County, Ohio. There are my earliest recollections of life, and there my boyhood days were spent. There was a double log house and a barn on the farm, and a few acres cleared and under cultivation. He remained on this farm engaged in its cultivation and making improvements, until the fall of 1851. The property was bought for \$750, and sold at the above date for \$4000. When all arrangements were completed the family started in September, in private conveyances, for Henderson County, Illinois, where some of the family had already located. Some time the following year my father purchased 320 acres of unimproved land near Olena, in the same county.

When quite a young man, and shortly after making a public profession of religion, he was elected a ruling elder in the Associate Reformed Church of Fairview, Ohio. He was very faithful in attending meetings of session and in the performance of such other duties as were enjoined upon him. This office in the church he continued to hold until his removal from Ohio, in 1851. He was naturally of a retired disposition, very conscientious, but backward. He always kept up family prayers at home, but I never heard him attempt to pray in public. As a father he was kind and pleasant and highly esteemed by all his children. He was the most strictly honest and upright man in

his dealings with others, I ever knew. When even total strangers would come to purchase grain to be used as food, as they often did in early times, he very seldom turned them away, although bills were generally settled with notes, the payment of which was, to say the least, *uncertain*. The poor were seldom disappointed in their appeals to him for help.

Although he was in moderate financial circumstances, yet the work of the church with which he was connected was not overlooked, as Monmouth College and several Boards of the United Presbyterian Church can readily testify.

About the year 1847 he became almost blind by the growth of a cataract on his eyes. So serious had it become that he could but little more than discern when it was daylight. But by a skilful operation performed before the students at a Medical Institution, at Cleveland, Ohio, his eyesight was completely restored. Later in life he became quite an invalid from sciatic rheumatism. He could only go around on crutches for several years before his death. He spent a great deal of his time in reading, which he seemed to enjoy so much. On the events of the day he kept well posted. When President Lincoln fell by the hand of the assassin, he could scarcely have been more deeply or sorrowfully cast down at the loss of his dearest relative. He was active and helpful in his own quiet way, in almost every good cause. The lessons of his life could scarcely be otherwise than favorably and indelibly impressed on the minds of his children, and others with whom he was associated in life. "The just man, that walketh in his integrity, his children are blessed after him." In a limited sense it may be said of him as it was of Abel, "He being dead, yet speaketh." He was a devoted member of the United Presbyterian Church. His death took place at his home, near Olena, Henderson County, Illinois, July 16, 1872, aged seventy-seven years, five months and ten

days. He was at the last anxious for death, and happy in the prospect of being soon "present with the Lord."

"Mark thou the perfect, and behold
The man of upright ways;
Because the man of holy life
In peace shall end his days."

I was living at Dickson, Tennessee, at the time, and a telegram sent came too late to enable me to be at his bedside until after his death had taken place. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. James McArthur. He selected as his text, Psalm 37:37, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." His body lies interred in the Ellison Cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

JANE (RAITT) THOMPSON, *my mother*, was born in Dundee, Scotland, March 10, 1801. She was brought to this country by her parents in 1802. The voyage across the ocean was long and tedious—being about eleven weeks in making the trip. Her parents first located for several years in Rockbridge County, Virginia; then moved to Belmont County, Ohio; thence to Guernsey County, near Fairview, where my mother's marriage took place, November 1, 1821. Her places of residence after marriage are all indicated in the history of my father.

As a wife she was kind, attentive, and helpful, with reference to all the interests of the home. Even in business matters she was a good and wise counselor. As a mother she was thoughtful, careful and sympathetic. She looked well to the affairs of her household, and was ever ready to promote the best interests of her children. She was pleased to see them enjoy life in becoming ways. In my father's absence from home, at church, or at other times, she collected her children together, bowed before her Maker and engaged in humble, earnest prayer in their behalf. When they grew up in years she talked to each

one alone in private, very seriously, about the interests of their souls and the duty of publicly professing Christ—generally with tears coursing down her cheeks. As a result of this careful early training and a good example, all her children came out on the Lord's side comparatively early in life. Her children were all drawn very tenderly and affectionately toward their mother. In sickness she was a most excellent nurse; a very good hand to *give* medicine, but a very poor hand to *take* it when sick herself. Her home, after the death of my father, was at the old home-stead with her youngest son, Joseph. She lived in widowhood just a few days more than twelve years. The last few years of her life her mind to some extent gave way, so that she did not at all times recognize even her own children. This was a source of grief to them, but they called to mind that it was written—“But though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.” She never lost sight of Christ, her dear Saviour. Her death took place at the home of her son Joseph, near Stronghurst, Henderson County, Illinois, August 1, 1884,—aged eighty-three years, four months and twenty-one days. She was buried in the Cemetery at Ellison. She was for many years a member of the United Presbyterian Church. There were ten children in my father's family, and the lives of all were spared to grow up to manhood or womanhood.

- I. WILLIAM.
- II. DAVID RAITT.
- III. SARAH.
- IV. SAMUEL FINDLEY.
- V. LILLIS.
- VI. JOHN.
- VII. JAMES.
- VIII. JANE.
- IX. BARBARA.
- X. JOSEPH.

I. WILLIAM THOMPSON. Born near Fairview, Guernsey County, Ohio, September 29, 1822. He received a common school education at Auburn Center, Crawford County, Ohio, where his father lived over twenty-one years. There he lived and worked on the farm until he was twenty years of age. In the fall of 1842 he, in company with a friend, Wm. Francis, took a trip on horseback to take a look at the country in western Illinois. They spent considerable time in Henderson County, Illinois, where Mr. Francis had a number of relatives living. About the time we expected them back in Ohio, a letter came from my brother informing us that the weather had become so cold and stormy, that they had decided to remain in Illinois all winter. Letters at that time cost twenty-five cents each, and prepayment was optional. My brother went to work at low wages and in a short time purchased a small farm, and prepared himself to take hold of farm work. Thus he was the means, a few years later, of the removal of his father's family to that part of the country. He was married April 6, 1843, to Miss Margaret Wallace. She was a daughter of George and Nancy Wallace, and was born February 26, 1825. They began home life on his farm, a few miles north of Media, Illinois, in Henderson County. Her death took place June 27, 1849. She was laid to rest in the Ellison Cemetery. She was a member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Three children were born to them.

1. JANE.
2. SAMUEL FINDLEY.
3. GEORGE.

1. JANE. Born on her father's farm north of Media, Illinois, January 21, 1844. On the sudden death of her father, in May, 1858, her home was broken up, and she lived with us about a year at Ross' Grove, DeKalb County, Illinois. Some years after this she went to California on the ocean

steamer route, in company with a cousin of mine, Mary Jane Short. Not long after her arrival she was married to Joseph Wilson, in Yreka, California, September 12, 1872. He was born in McDonald County, Illinois, March 10, 1842. This niece has had a rather checkered and, in some respects, a very trying life. May these all be happily ended when death calls her hence. Seven children have been committed to their care.

(1). JAMES THOMPSON. Born at Orofino, Siskiyou County, California, November 6, 1870. He fell and broke his ankle when seven years old, and has since been a cripple.

(2). ALMIRA KNIGHT. Her birth took place at Orofino, California, September 12, 1872. She was married to Edward Earlick, March 13, 1896.

(3). JOHN FINDLEY. Born at Fort Jones, Siskiyou County, California, December 23, 1878, where his death took place.

(4). JENNIE PEARL. Born at Forest House, near Yreka, Siskiyou County, California, April 8, 1880. She became deaf from catarrhal trouble when about six years of age. She has been several years in the Deaf and Blind Institute, at Berkeley California. She is said to be an unusually bright child and a great favorite with all who know her.

(5). JOSEPH WILLIAM. Born at Mountain House, near Fort Jones, Siskiyou County, California, April 21, 1883, where he died July 18, 1883. Bloomed but to fade.

(6). HATTIE STEWART. Her birth took place at the Mountain House, near Fort Jones, California, August 4, 1885.

(7). FANNIE ANNETTA. Born at Mountain House, near Fort Jones, California, March 31, 1887. Died at the same place September 14, 1887.

Thus it will be seen that three of the children are dead and four still living, (1896). The present home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson is at Orofino, Siskiyou County, California.

2. SAMUEL FINDLEY. Born on his father's farm, north of Media, Illinois, July 24, 1846. This nephew, as will be seen, is one of the few namesakes given me by my relatives. Not many years after the death of his father, Samuel commenced attending College at Monmouth, Illinois, with the ministry, in the United Presbyterian Church, in view. This was at the time of the war for the suppression of the rebellion. To copy his own language, he says: "About this time I became a victim to the war excitement, enlisted in February, 1864, and returned in September, 1865, a little older and a little wiser, but entirely free from the missiles of war, although not escaping the results of camp life and army diet." In the fall of 1866 he returned to Monmouth and resumed college work. His eyes being weak and giving him trouble, he went to Chicago, had them examined, became discouraged by the report given him, and finally gave up the idea of a college education altogether; a thing, in after years, he very much regretted. He was married to Margaret Isabella Lytton, at Winterset, Iowa, November 19, 1869. She died at Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 21, 1881, leaving five children, young and tender in years, to mourn their loss.

(1). FREDDIE DELOIS. Born July 23, 1870. Married and lives at Baileysville, Kansas.

(2). WILLIAM EDWIN. Born November 19, 1872. Lives at Woodlawn, Nemaha County, Kansas.

(3). WALTER LEON. Born September 8, 1874.

(4). JOHN ARTHUR. Born August 24, 1876.

(5). DOUGLASS LESTER. Born February 16, 1880.

In the spring of 1880, my nephew, S. F. Thompson, was employed by the American Sunday-school Union to engage in the work of the Society as a Sabbath-school missionary in the State of Colorado. He made his home at Colorado Springs. He continued in this work, making it a success, until September 1, 1882, when he believed it to be his duty to be at home with

his motherless children, more than otherwise it would have been possible. Soon after this he moved to Kansas and took up farm work. He was married a second time, to Mrs. Helen Mary Marsh, February 11, 1886, at Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas. As the result of this marriage four children have been born to them.

- (1). HATTIE GERTRUDE. Born July 27, 1887.
- (2). EARL FRANCIS. Born May 23, 1889.
- (3). HELEN MARGARET. Born June 10, 1891.
- (4). ELSIE MAY. Born March 6, 1894.

My nephew has for several years been engaged in the farming business; the greater portion of the time near Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas, where he now resides. He has had some experience in humble life, and knows what it means to be occasionally in financial straits. Like many others he could often utter the prayer, feelingly, "Give us this day our daily bread." He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

3. GEORGE. Born north of Media, Illinois, August 28, 1848. He made his home for a time, after his father's death, in 1858, with his uncle, David Rankin, attending school and working on the farm. When he grew up to be a man he entered upon a rather roving-about, desultory kind of life, and after some years entered the marriage relation. His present location is, to his relatives, an unknown quantity.

Brother William was married a *second time*, to Miss Hannah Jane Sampy, in Henderson County, Illinois, May 30, 1850. She was the daughter of John and Jane Sampy, two upright, godly people, and both born in County Antrim, Ireland. Her birth took place near Springboro, Warren County, Ohio, October 9, 1832. She had in her new sphere as step-mother a responsible place to fill, but filled it well during the short time her life was spared, and is worthy of commendation. She died on their farm, south of Media, Illinois, August 6, 1855, and

was buried at Ellison. She was a faithful member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Two little children were left behind to be cared for by others.

1. JOHN.

2. WILLIAM.

4. JOHN, the fourth child, was born July 31, 1851, north of Media, Illinois. After the death of his father in 1858, he had a home given him for several years, with his grandfather, Adam Thompson. During this time he attended Public Schools and, when old enough, worked on the farm. A part of the time, the latter part of his life, he worked away from home. His lamented death occurred as follows: His uncle, Joseph Thompson, had men in his employ raising his father's bank-barn, with the view of building a new foundation under it. While this work was going on, my nephew rode up to the house on horseback, got off the horse and at once walked down to the barn, went in under from the lower side and began looking around to see what things were like. Just then the props gave way, the building fell with a terrible crash and he was instantly killed. This fearful catastrophe occurred October 18, 1868. His body was laid at rest in the Ellison Cemetery. What a strange Providence! Even when in health there may be but a step betwixt us and death. How often true, that "The son of man cometh at an hour that ye think not." Live for Christ. Be ready. Death will come to each one—*sometime—somewhere!*

5. WILLIAM. Born south of Media, Illinois, May 29, 1853. Like the rest of the family his home was broken up by the death of his father, in 1858. He lived for several years with his uncle, Joseph White, attending Public Schools, and engaging in work on the farm from time to time, as he became able to do so. He was married, early in life, to Miss Agnes E. Douglass, December 24, 1874. She was the daughter of Andrew and Mary Ann Douglass. They live on a farm south of Biggsville,

in Henderson County, Illinois, and are both members of the United Presbyterian Church. Two children have been born to them.

(1). JENNIE FLORELLA. Born near Biggsville, Illinois, July 24, 1879. An important matter for a young person, educational work, is receiving careful attention by her at this time at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois. May her life, spiritually, ever be as "the path of the just, shining more and more unto the perfect day."

(2). EARL D. Born December 3, 1886, and died in early life.

My brother William married as his third wife, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Lusk, of South Henderson, Illinois. She died after being married only a few months, south of Media, Illinois, at her comparatively new home. She was buried in the Graveyard at the South Henderson United Presbyterian Church.

He married as his fourth wife, a cousin, Miss Nancy Stewart, in March, 1857. She was the daughter of Uncle William and Aunt Jane Stewart, of Newville, Richland County, Ohio. (Her history will be found, in the order of her birth, in her father's family.)

About the year 1852 brother William sold his farm, purchased another a short distance south of Media, Illinois, and moved onto it with his family. His death will be narrated under the heading,

A TERRIBLE CYCLONE.

It occurred on Sabbath, May 30, 1858. My brother had been as usual at church, had returned, dinner was over and he was about leaving home to visit a sick neighbor to render needed help, if necessary, when he noticed clouds of portentous appearance in the southwest. He consequently concluded to remain at home until the storm would pass over. The clouds moving toward each other began to assume a funnel-shaped

appearance downward to the earth, and to make rapid progress in the direction of his residence. He lived in a small frame cottage house. Near the well was a little frame milk-house, with an earthen floor somewhat lower than the surrounding surface. It was decided that this would most likely be the safer place for the family. Accordingly his wife and children, five in number, lay down flat on the earthen floor; while he, unwisely, stood in the open door watching the progress of the storm. It came rushing madly along, demolishing everything in its pathway. Suddenly some missile struck him a fearful blow on the head, and he fell senseless on the floor below. His head was fearfully fractured, but he continued to breathe for nearly four hours, in an unconscious state, when he expired. None of his family were injured. His dwelling was all dashed to atoms, except the floor, and the milk-house shared the same fate. Several persons were killed in the village of Ellison, a few miles to the east, but the first depredation of the storm took place at the residence a younger brother, David R. Thompson, about three miles to the southwest. This was the first death in my father's family. Brother Joseph, the youngest of the family, was then nearly fifteen years of age. But the break came so suddenly, so unexpectedly, that it was a terrible blow to us all. Thus it will be seen that his death took place on Sabbath, May 30, 1858. He was buried in the Cemetery near the Ellison United Presbyterian Church. For many years he was an elder in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and an upright, conscientious Christian man. The family by this calamity was broken up. The children had homes given them, by different relatives, while his wife returned to the home of her father, in Ohio. This was a sad thing to contemplate, and unless there are special reasons for it, as there were supposed to be in this case, it is a thing of doubtful propriety. I have often thought it possible that a mistake was made, and that the home might have been successfully maintained.

II. DAVID RAITT THOMPSON. Born June 6, 1824, near Fairview, Guernsey County, Ohio. He was sadly afflicted when a boy, and for several years, with the formation of abscesses or tumors on one of his lower limbs, between the knee and thigh joint. For some time he would have a gathering of this kind about once a year, causing great suffering. It seemed to cease after he grew up to manhood. He was married to Miss Susan Emeline Ramsey, near Dodgeville, Iowa, April 10, 1855. She was a second cousin; her mother being a daughter of Uncle John Stewart. He owned a good farm near Rariton, Illinois, where he made his home for several years, and where his children, six in number, were all born.

1. FRANK. Born January 27, 1857. Spent several years of his life on the Pacific Coast. Has been in business as a butcher. Unmarried. At present he has charge of his father's farm, near Anthony, Kansas.

2. JOSEPHINE. A twin with the above. She was married to Andrew Stewart, May 9, 1887. He was a widower and had several children. No children in the line of his second marriage. He is a farmer. He lives at Longton, Kansas.

3. MARION. Born October 27, 1860. Went several years ago to the Pacific Coast. Was married to Miss Jennie Long, near Moscow, Washington, November 2, 1887. His wife was born near Knoxville, Tennessee. Four children have been born to them, all near Moscow, Washington.

- (1). CARRIE MARIA. Born August 5, 1888.
- (2). JESSIE LEROY. Born June 27, 1890.
- (3). HARVEY ALFRED. Born April 7, 1892.
- (4). CORA ANNA. Born November 9, 1894.

His post-office address is Davenport, Washington. He is a farmer.

4. JOHN. He was born in 1862. He was married to Miss Nellie Collins, near Anthony, Kansas, February 10, 1887.

She was born December 22, 1867, in the vicinity of Carrollton, Missouri. He worked on his father's farm, near Anthony, Kansas, for several years. A few years ago he moved to his present home at *Hennessey, Oklahoma*. Three children have been born to them.

(1). MINNIE MARIA. Born at Anthony, Kansas, December 20, 1887.

(2). ELSIE PEARL. Born September 21, 1889, near Anthony, Kansas.

(3). OLIVE MAY. Born in Oklahoma, April 21, 1892.

5. CECELIA. Born October 18, 1864. She was married to Samuel Stewart, near Raritan, Illinois, October, 1881. He is a stock merchant and farmer, and lives at Medicine Lodge, Kansas. They have five children, as follows:

(1). CORA EMELINE. Born September 1, 1882, near Raritan, Illinois.

(2). DAVID FRANKLIN. Born October 13, 1883, at Raritan, Illinois.

(3). MAUD. Born March 31, 1886, at Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

(4). GEORGE. Born May 1, 1888, at Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

(5). CHARLES. Born June 21, 1890, at Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

6. HARVEY. Born December 12, 1872. He is in the employ of his brother-in-law, Samuel Stewart, as an assistant in the stock business. His address is Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

My brother David sold his farm in Henderson County, Illinois, and removed to Kansas, near Anthony, on a newly purchased farm, several years ago; but not until some time after the terrible storm at Ellison. The cyclone of May 30, 1858, in which my oldest brother was killed, did its first damage at the residence of this brother. He and his wife, a sister-in-law, a

hired man and two little children were in the story-and-a-half frame building when it was struck by the storm. The funnel-shaped cloud had touched the ground, and its progress was observed with serious alarm. When it reached the building, it dashed it to atoms almost, except the floor, and it was removed off its foundation. It would seem about impossible for any of the inmates to escape alive. It was the work of but a moment, followed quickly by a pouring rain. Notwithstanding, there was providentially no loss of life. My brother had received one serious injury; there was a place broken in, an indenture, on the back part of his skull. Miss Ramsey, his wife's sister, had an arm broken and badly bruised up close to the shoulder. Her life was for a time almost despaired of, but she finally recovered, and without the loss of her arm. The hired man had his head injured somewhat, but not seriously; and one of the children received an injury on one of his feet. His wife escaped unharmed except with terrible fright. My brother and Miss Ramsey lay for some time at the home of a near neighbor, Cyrus Rankin, where they were kindly cared for until they were able to be conveyed to his father's home, not far distant. How suddenly calamity does sometimes come, and in the same family connection, too. Thus these two brothers, though living about three miles apart, had both their houses torn to pieces—one losing his life and the other receiving serious injuries—within a difference of time of only a few seconds; while no one, living between their residences, was hurt in any way, there being no buildings in the track of the storm. Truly "we know not what shall be on the morrow. Life is but a vapor." The day after the storm large numbers, some from long distances, flocked to the places desolated by its ravages, to gratify curiosity and show sympathy for the sufferers. What desolation had been wrought! Houses, stables, farm implements, fences, all a wreck,—largely carried away. Dangers before us are often concealed. It is



HON. DAVID RANKIN.

doubtless best. Providence has so ordered. My brother's home is at Anthony, Kansas.

III. SARAH THOMPSON. Born near Fairview, Guernsey County, Ohio, March 12, 1826. Being only two years older than I was, we were always quite intimate, and our relations to each other were very pleasant. We went to Public School together, attended social parties, rode to church, and were intimately associated in all things connected with our home lives. In 1849, she, in company with her brother David, went to Henderson County, Illinois, to keep house for her brother William, who had recently lost his wife by death, leaving three small children without a mother's care. While there, entrusted with these family cares, she first met DAVID RANKIN, a young man at the time without much property and with a limited education, but developing fine business tact and connected with a good family. Becoming mutually attached to each other, after frequently being in company together, they were united in marriage at the home of her brother, in Henderson County, Illinois, March 17, 1850. In a little time they moved into a small frame cottage house of three rooms, about four miles south of Biggsville. As Mr. Rankin was always quite free to invite strangers for meals, and often even to stop over night, she found it difficult oftentimes to carry on her work and make her guests comfortable.

DAVID RANKIN, my sister's husband, was born in Sullivan County, Indiana, about ten miles from Miriam, May 28, 1825. The Rankins were of Scotch-Irish descent, and are supposed to have been represented at the Siege of Derry, in 1689. Some of the Rankin family came to Pennsylvania, and others moved to Tennessee, in or about the year 1700. David Rankin's grandparents, Alexander and Elizabeth Rankin, were married September 7, 1794, but I have not learned where. His death took

place in or about the year 1821, and he was buried at Middletown, Sullivan County, Indiana. His wife died in 1822, and was interred at Crawfordsville, Indiana. They were members of the Associate Presbyterian Church. William Rankin, David Rankin's father, was born in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, January 17, 1797. He lived, after removal from Pennsylvania, in Jefferson County, Ohio, Sullivan and Vermillion Counties, Indiana, Henderson County, Illinois, and finally at Monmouth, Illinois, where his death took place March 8, 1870. He was a ruling elder in the United Presbyterian Church, and a straightforward, upright Christian man. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Gross, in Sullivan County, Indiana, in 1824, where she is supposed to have been born. She was of German descent. Her parents were Baptists. Her death took place near Raritan, in Henderson County, Illinois, at the home of her son-in-law, S. H. Prather, February 8, 1876.

My sister, Sarah (Thompson) Rankin, was quite an invalid, with that painful disease, rheumatism, for a great many years before her death. For some months, the latter part of her life, it assumed a nervous form, causing terrible suffering, which she endured with wonderful patience. Her death took place at her nice, comfortable home near Biggsville, Illinois, December 27, 1878. She had large experience in bodily pain and affliction in this life. In the happy abode of the righteous in the bright world above, these, we should be so thankful, can have no existence. She was buried in the Ellison Cemetery. Her pastor, Rev. James McArthur, conducted the funeral services. She was a devoted Christian woman, an affectionate wife, and a kind, thoughtful, loving mother. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Ellison, Illinois, for more than twenty-eight years, having been received on certificate from the Auburn, Ohio, Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

I append a notice of her death, prepared by her pastor, and published shortly after in the *United Presbyterian*, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

“While Mrs. Rankin’s affliction disqualified her for active Christian work in the congregation, and her quiet, retiring disposition shrank from being a leader in modern enterprises, yet her Christian example and influence were silently felt in the congregation and community, and especially by her pastor. Her piety was of a rare type and therefore worthy of special notice. It was ‘the hidden man of the heart, the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price.’ Did she ever speak an unkind or depreciative word of her pastor? Did she ever discuss the faults and failures of fellow church members? Did she ever slacken or withhold her hand from the benevolent enterprises of the Church, or from the needy poor? Did she ever absent herself from the house of God or the Lord’s table, when health and circumstances would permit? In regard to all these she was a model worthy of imitation. Often was she in her church pew when others in health were absent; and that, too, when she had to be lifted into and out of the carriage and helped to her seat in the church. She made little mention of Christian experience; but as the countenance expresses the character and actings of the soul within, so hers revealed much of the *sanctified* soul.

Her manifest indifference to worldly gain, luxury or style, though all were within her grasp; the kindling up of the eye and the happy expression of countenance, at the mere mention of the name of Jesus, and as the fullness of his grace and blessings were set forth and the precious promises recalled, during which she seemed to forget her pains; her cheerful, uncomplaining disposition through all her afflictions, gave evidence of a soul at peace with God and enjoying his presence and favor. About three months before her death her lungs became affected, which,

in addition to acute rheumatic pains, rendered her sufferings extremely trying, and gave sure indications that death would soon ensue. During this time she was evidently using all diligence 'to make her calling and election sure.' Toward the last she would sometimes complain of her inability to apply her mind to spiritual things, or to hold them steadily in view. Often did she request members of her family to read the Scriptures—especially the precious promises. These were her daily food and afforded her strength and comfort. She also manifested a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of her two sons, just entering upon the responsibilities of manhood, her daughter having been for several years a worthy member of the church.

The night of her death, aware that her change was approaching, she expressed a desire to have her mind directed by religious conversation and prayer; and, at her suggestion, the writer, who had been her pastor for some fourteen years, and now a near neighbor, was sent for at the hour of midnight. After a few words presenting the merits of Jesus, his presence and care as the kind Shepherd, her *beloved* and companion in the dark vale, and commanding her spirit to the keeping of the coming Lord, her countenance settled into a quiet assurance, the expression of a waking soul. About two hours later the Master *had come*, her sufferings were all at an end, and, we trust, her spirit was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom. 'Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.' "

As there are some things in the history of my sister Sarah's husband's life—the Honorable David Rankin—worthy of special mention, they will be given under the heading,

A PHENOMENAL BUSINESS LIFE.

When David Rankin started to do business for himself he had very little property. He was looking forward, however, to a change of fortune and was hopeful for the future. Shortly

after his marriage in 1850, he made the remark to the writer, "I am aiming to be worth \$50,000; when I reach that point I will slack up and take things easy." I did not suppose at the time that he would ever reach the sum at which he aimed, but I felt sure if he did that his energies would not perceptibly relax. His shrewd business tact and good judgment soon showed themselves in all his business enterprises. In the course of time he erected a very commodious and pleasant dwelling on the old homestead south of Biggsville, Illinois, and which the family occupied for quite a number of years. He was engaged for many years in the stock business, the purchase of land and its cultivation, until in 1885 he owned about ten thousand acres in the State of Illinois. He was three times elected as Representative in the Illinois State Legislature. These terms were 1872 and 1873; 1874 and 1875; and again in 1882 and 1883. In this capacity he became noted especially for a minority report of *one*, as a member of a committee on the condition of things in the State Prison at Joliet. He believed reform was needed in its management, and carried his point in the Legislature. In 1887 he went to Atchison County, Missouri, where he had ascertained land to be of good quality and low-priced, and in a short time purchased sixteen thousand acres in this and adjoining counties. Soon after this he removed to Tarkio, Missouri, and has ever since made it his home.

Monmouth College had received timely and generous aid while he was living in Illinois, and now that his location was changed, the way was soon opened up, in the good providence of God, to start a similar institution in Tarkio, Missouri. A building was erected for a court-house, with the view of changing the location of the county-seat. When this failed the building was offered to the United Presbyterian Church for college purposes, and was accepted. His contributions to the College from time to time have been large and generous, amounting in the aggre-

gate to over \$80,000. He has ever proved himself the stanch friend of the College—in fact its very existence has depended on his aid and good-will. . Although he is now over seventy-two years of age, he still lives a busy, active stirring life. Business seems to be his delight, and his efforts have been crowned with amazing success. “He is one of the few men,” says Dr. W. P. McNary, “who have made a million dollars by farming. His success is an encouragement to every poor boy that starts in the world on his own resources; and his great liberality in the cause of education and other benevolent objects should be a stimulus to wealthy Christians to do good with their money.” Tarkio College, in view of what Honorable David Rankin has already done, and especially should he still put forth a vigorous effort to place it on a firm financial basis, will be, after all, his great life work, and place his name, after he has passed away from earth, in a true and enduring sense as the generous benefactor of Tarkio College. Six children were born to David and Sarah Rankin—all born near Biggsville, Henderson County, Illinois.

1. JANE ELIZABETH. Born in January, 1851. Died March 27, 1852, and was buried at Ellison.

2. MELINDA. Born March 2, 1853. Her death took place June 1, 1854. She was interred in the Ellison Cemetery.

3. VIOLA ANNETTA. Born July 28, 1855. The enfeebled state of her mother's health required her presence and kind attentions at home a part of the time, and restricted somewhat her educational work; still it was not overlooked. She attended Monmouth College several sessions, but did not continue long enough to graduate. She was married to JOHN FRANK HANNA June 22, 1876, at her parental home, near Biggsville, Illinois. He is a son of Samuel and Catharine Hanna, and was born near Tiro, Crawford County, Ohio, September 18, 1847. I was intimately acquainted with his father



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in school work, social life and as a worshipper at the same church. After their marriage they lived for a time on a farm near Raritan, Illinois, and were engaged in farming. They moved to Tarkio, Missouri, in or about the year 1881, where they now reside, and have a beautiful and pleasant home. When quite a young man Mr. Hanna was elected an elder in the United Presbyterian Church at Tiro, Ohio, and serves the congregation at Tarkio, Missouri, in that capacity still. He is a good worker in the church, and an upright, successful man in business. He is engaged extensively in the stock business and in farming. Mrs. Nettie Hanna is an active worker in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union organization and very much interested in the movement for the suppression of the liquor traffic; favoring to this end, female suffrage. In a true Christian sense she is very much interested in the welfare of her children, and looks well to the affairs of her household. Their family consists of two children—both boys.

(1). CHARLES RANKIN. He was born near Biggsville, Illinois, May 13, 1877. He took up college work in Tarkio College, graduating with honor, in June, 1897. He is a young man of promise.

(2). JOHN WINFIELD. Born near Biggsville, Illinois, February 8, 1879. He has commenced a regular college course of education in Tarkio College. The sons both bid fair to become active, useful Christian men—the earnest desire of both their parents. The whole family are in membership in the United Presbyterian Church.

4. JOHN ALEXANDER RANKIN. Born November 21, 1857, near Biggsville, Illinois. His education, outside of common Public Schools, was obtained at Monmouth College, where he graduated in June, 1877. During College intervals he was often actively engaged at home in assisting his father to carry on his large and ever growing business. This was a great

benefit to him in after life. He was married to Miss Harriet Newell Armes, at Monmouth, Illinois, June 12, 1879. She was the daughter of Jonathan Dickinson and Harriet Hanks (Hitchcock) Armes. He was born in Deerfield, Massachusetts, September 8, 1823, and now lives at Monmouth, Illinois. Mrs. Armes was born in Charlmont, Massachusetts, October 11, 1828, and died in Monmouth, Illinois, June 5, 1885. Mrs. Harriet Newell Rankin was born in Great Falls, New Hampshire, December 21, 1856. Her advanced education was obtained in Monmouth College. Her church connection before marriage was Presbyterian. They set up housekeeping first in Tarkio, Missouri, where Mr. Rankin was engaged in business of various kinds and with good success. His wife having severe asthmatic trouble, he removed in 1886 to Greeley, Colorado, for her benefit. Until recently he has been engaged in the furniture business and in superintending farm work. His business career thus far has been quite successful, and he is financially well situated. Having sold out his interest in the furniture store, his present occupation is in connection with banking and farming. They are both members of the United Presbyterian Church, and have an interesting family of five children.

(1). NELLIE THERESA. Born in Tarkio, Missouri, September 29, 1881.

(2). MABEL ETHEL. Born in Tarkio, Missouri, September 8, 1883.

(3). BERTHA EDITH. Born August 7, 1885, in Tarkio, Missouri.

(4). DAVID ARTHUR. Born in Greeley, Colorado, March 13, 1888.

(5). WALTER ARMES. Born October 22, 1889, in Greeley, Colorado.

“That, as the plants, our sons may be
In youth grown up that are ;
Our daughters, like to corner-stones,
Carved like a palace fair.”



JOHN A. RANKIN.

5. WILLIAM FINDLEY RANKIN. Born January 1, 1861, near Biggsville, Illinois. When at home, after becoming old enough to be helpful, his father not caring to have his children grow up in idleness, generally found work for him to do, thus paving the way for him to become an active, successful business man. His collegiate education was obtained at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, but it closed before graduation took place.

He was married to Miss Lizzie Marshall, in Monmouth, Illinois, May 12, 1881. She was the daughter of Jessie and Anna (Gowdy) Marshall, and was born in Springfield, Ohio, August 12, 1860. Mr. Rankin has lived and carried on business since his marriage, in Tarkio, Missouri.

A glimpse of his large and varied business enterprises will be apparent from the following statements.

He is engaged quite extensively in the farm and stock business. He has an interest in the National Bank of Tarkio; in the Tarkio Electric and Water Co., of which he is Secretary and Treasurer; and in the Rankin Auditorium Co. He is partner with his father in the firm of Rankin & Co., manufacturers of brick and tile. He is secretary and treasurer of the Conley & Wolfe Improved Kiln Co., and, lastly, has an interest in the firm of Rankin, Travis & Co., Tarkio, Missouri, dealers in general merchandise, grain and stock buyers.

In addition to his own financial enterprises, he assists in carrying on the very extensive and complicated business interests of his father, David Rankin. He has truly a busy time of it, but keeps his work well in hand. He is regarded as a shrewd, safe, upright business man. He owns a beautiful and commodious residence in Tarkio, in which he has his pleasant home.

W. F. Rankin has shown himself a true friend of Tarkio College in substantial ways, on all occasions when help was called for in its behalf. In politics he is a pronounced Repub-

lican. At Minneapolis in 1892, and at St. Louis in 1896, he was a delegate to the National Convention to nominate a candidate for President of the United States. He is a stout built, vigorous looking man, the very picture of health—quite in contrast with his slim, delicate appearance when a boy.

Mrs. Rankin has had for some years considerable difficulty to contend with from the partial loss of her sense of hearing. This has had its influence on her social life and enjoyment, depriving her of some of life's most valued pleasures. They are both members of the United Presbyterian Church. Two children have been born to them.

(1). JESSE DAVID. Born near Tarkio, Missouri, October 19, 1882. He is rapidly growing up to manhood, and is engaged in the prosecution of educational work in the Public Schools.

(2). HELEN. Born in Tarkio, Missouri, June 1, 1890.
From day to day lift up the prayer,

“Keep thou their feet ; I do not ask to see
The distant scene ; one step’s enough for me.”

6. JOSEPH RILEY RANKIN. Born near Biggsville, Illinois, February 14, 1863. His life was but a span, his death taking place February 14, 1866, when just three years of age. Thus it will be seen that one-half of my sister Sarah's children died when quite young. They all died at the same place and were buried in the Ellison Cemetery.

David Rankin was married a second time, to Mrs. Elizabeth (Philips) Gowdy, January 4, 1880, near Biggsville, Illinois. Mrs. Rankin is attentive to household duties, thoughtful of the poor and needy, and deeply interested in church work. She has not latterly been in vigorous health. One child has been born to them.

ESTHER. Born in Tarkio, Missouri, August 11, 1885.



WILLIAM F. RANKIN.

She is quite an interesting child, and is often spoken of as "the idol of the home." She is now pursuing educational work in the Public Schools of Tarkio.

IV. SAMUEL FINDLEY THOMPSON. Being the writer of this history, the statement relating to himself and family will be found toward the close of the book.

V. LILLIS THOMPSON. Born near Auburn Center, Crawford County, Ohio, May 27, 1830. Being only about two years younger than I was, we were from necessity very intimately and pleasantly associated together in life, and always had great regard for each other's welfare. She taught two terms of district school very acceptably before her father's removal from Ohio, in 1851. She was married to JOSEPH WHITE at her father's home, near Olena, Illinois, March 25, 1858. It was his second marraige. He was born in Ohio, September 23, 1831. He was the son of STEPHEN and MARTHA WHITE. His parents were both highly esteemed, upright godly people. Mr. White for several years ran a threshing machine in the fall and early winter. He has been engaged all his life in the business of farming, with varied success. His physique is strong and vigorous, although outward appearances sometimes deceive. His post-office address is Stronghurst, Illinois, though he lives several miles northward.

My sister Lillis has been a very kind, good nurse in times of sickness, as many can testify. She was very thoughtful of her mother, often called to see her during her declining, lonely years, and cared for her attentively and tenderly when in impaired health or suffering from disease. This sister had red hair, as did her mother; in fact the whole family of ten children were red haired except myself, sisters Sarah and Jane. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. White.

1. JAMES WILLIAM. Born near Olena, Illinois, March 8, 1862. He has been engaged usually in farm work, at home and in western Kansas. He has had some rather undesirable experience in the latter State in dry seasons. Farm work without rain or irrigation is not profitable. His home at present is at Burchard, Nebraska.

2. JANE ELLEN. Born March 16, 1864, near Olena, Henderson County, Illinois. She has always lived at home with her parents, and has been engaged a portion of the time in the dress-making business, associated with household duties.

3. SARAH CELESTE. Born near Olena, Illinois, April 13, 1867. She has qualified herself for the work of teaching in the Public Schools, and has taught several terms with good success. She is housekeeper for her Brother James, at Burchard, Nebraska. The whole family are members of the United Presbyterian Church. The family is unbroken, no death as yet having occurred.

VI. JOHN THOMPSON. Born near Auburn Center, Crawford County, Ohio, March 18, 1832. He was a studious, peaceful, thoughtful young man, very kind and attentive to his parents, and pleasant to all in his home life. He spent a brief period in college study at Monmouth, Illinois. At the time of his death, in addition to his own farm interests, he had the oversight of his father's farm, where he still usually made his home. He had good business talent. He was an earnest, devoted Christian man—an active member of the Ellison United Presbyterian Church.

He went to Burlington, Iowa, about twelve miles distant, with a wagon and team, on Friday, January 20, 1859. The weather was extremely cold and the roads rough. When near home, on his return, he stopped at Olena to get the mail. Some one asked him if he did not find the weather pretty cold. He

replied, "Not very, when one gets used to it." He soon started for home; but in some way, when within about a mile of his journey's end, he fell or was thrown out of the wagon, got caught, and was dragged some distance on the rough ground. The team came home quietly, stopping at the gate, but without a driver. It was at once driven back in search of my brother. He was soon found on the roadside in an unconscious state, with serious injuries about his head. He was taken to a near neighbor's house, Mr. Marston's, kindly cared for a few days, until he could be removed to his parental home. He did not regain consciousness, however, and was never able to speak, even a word. The way he received his fatal injuries is always likely to be involved in mystery. He was strictly temperate—never indulging in strong drinks. Medical skill was unavailing. His death took place on Thursday, January 26, 1859; aged twenty-six years, ten months and eight days. He was buried in the Ellison Cemetery.

His parents especially were almost overwhelmed with grief. Death had come so suddenly, so unexpectedly, claiming one in the very vigor of manhood as its victim, and one to whom they looked so confidently and trustfully for care and sympathy in their advancing years. His was a beautiful life, though brief. I never think of him still, except with pleasing emotions. The plaudit, "*well done*," will certainly be his.

"Oh soul, remember, how e'er small the scope,
Of thought, or action, that around thee lies,
It is the *finished task* alone can ope
The gates of Paradise."

VII. JAMES THOMPSON. Born at Auburn Center, Crawford County, Ohio, August 1, 1834. He was a bright, promising boy when young and growing up to manhood, but in the spring of 1849 he had a very severe spell of sickness, accom-

panied with a stroke of paralysis, which brought him to the very verge of the grave. For weeks his life seemed to hang in the balance betwixt life and death. By careful nursing, good medical attention and the blessing of the Lord, he finally recovered, but never regained his former bodily vigor. In 1860 he had one of his legs broken, closely followed with typhoid fever, which still farther, permanently, impaired his health. He followed the farming business for a time at home, for his father, until eventually he came into the possession of a good farm near Stronghurst, Illinois. He was married to MISS LAVINIA NICHOLS by Rev. Charles Thompson, at Oquawka, Illinois, October 11, 1864. She was the daughter of Thomas and Lavinia Nichols, and was born near Lima, Allen County, Ohio, March, 27, 1837. Her father came from Virginia to Ohio when ten years of age, and was of English descent. Her mother was of Scottish ancestry, but was born in Pennsylvania. Brother James is a faithful, conscientious servant of Christ, has a pleasant, comfortable home, but his health is constantly poor, and he has financial embarrassments to contend with. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Stronghurst, Illinois. Three children have been born to them—all daughters.

1. ELIZA ROSALINE. Born near Olena, Henderson County, Illinois, July 20, 1865. Her educational work was pursued at the Public Schools, except music. She has become quite a successful music teacher, making her home with her parents.

2. FANNIE ALMA. She was born near Olena, Illinois, July 1, 1872. In addition to common school education she has learned the type-writing business, and has held positions as clerk in different stores in Stronghurst, Illinois, where she has her home.

3. HATTIE MAY. Born near Olena, Illinois, May 13, 1878. After graduation at the High School of Stronghurst, Illinois, she has taken up the work of a teacher, and with good success.

Death has not yet entered this family. May each one be able to say truly through life, "To me, to live is Christ."

VIII. JANE THOMPSON. Born at Auburn Center, Crawford County, Ohio, June 30, 1836. She moved with her father's family to Henderson County, Illinois, in the fall of 1851. She had a good country Public School education. Her time was occupied for several years in help rendered in the parental home. Early in life she made a profession of religion in the United Presbyterian Church, and became an earnest worker in the congregation of Ellison, Illinois, to which she belonged. She was married at her father's home near Olena, Illinois, to JAMES F. RANKIN, March 17, 1860. I was called upon to perform the marriage ceremony. He was a younger brother of David Rankin, who had previously married my oldest sister, Sarah. James Farrington Rankin was born near Clinton, Vermillion County, Indiana, August 2, 1834. His parentage is referred to in the history of his brother David. He lives on and owns a large, beautiful farm a few miles south of Biggsville, Illinois, and is engaged in farming and in the stock business. When his son Edgar, an only child, grew up, he moved to Monmouth, Illinois, to give him an opportunity for study in the Public Schools, and eventually be with him while acquiring a college education. But in an unfortunate hour he placed his name on paper as security for some persons engaged in the stock business, and was left in the lurch to the amount of several thousand dollars—well nigh as much as he was worth. This made it necessary to leave Monmouth, in 1874, move back on the farm and take up farm work with renewed vigor. In time success attended his efforts. "Fortune favors the brave."

Sister Jane was of a lively, cheerful disposition, always aimed to have others enjoy themselves while in her company, and generally succeeded admirably. It was indeed a pleasure to be with her in her nice, cheerful, well-ordered home. A serious complaint developed itself several years before her death—an inward fibrous tumor—which, at times, caused her great suffering. It seemed to baffle medical skill, and she was often apparently at the very point of death. She had been in Chicago several times for medical treatment, but with only temporary relief. As it was very severe, it was to her a source of much dread. Before she took her last trip, in the fall of 1890, she expressed herself as being hardly able to muster up courage to undergo the painful treatment again. After being in Chicago for some time a telegram was received by her husband to the import that she was very low and for him to come immediately. When he arrived she was still alive, but unable to speak loud enough to be heard. In a few hours after his arrival she calmly breathed her last. Her death took place in Chicago, Illinois, October 21, 1890. Her body was brought home for interment, and in due time, after appropriate religious services, was laid to rest in the Ellison Cemetery. A very nice monument has since been erected to her memory by her husband, and son Edgar, in token of worthy, affectionate esteem. She was truly an affectionate wife, a sympathetic, wise, thoughtful mother, and an earnest, prayerful Christian. She made

“ Home ! The spot of earth supremely blest,
A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest.”

To this home my son John, a student at Monmouth College, when taken down with typhoid fever, in May, 1884, was removed, and kindly and tenderly cared for during what proved to be a very serious illness. This Christian kindness our whole family deeply feel, and cheerfully acknowledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin had but one child born to them.

1. EDGAR DELOS. Born near Biggsville, Henderson County, Illinois, April 19, 1861. His higher education was obtained at Monmouth College, where he spent several terms, but did not graduate, dropping out of College work the winter of 1882. While at home he was busily engaged at various kinds of work on his father's farm. He was a dutiful, obedient child to his parents, thoughtful and kind to his mother. He was married to MISS JENNIE MOORE, near Mount Carroll, Illinois, June 4, 1884, where she was born September 18, 1862. She was a daughter of Robert and Anna Moore. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, having been born in Ireland. Mrs. Moore was of Scottish ancestry. Mrs. Jennie Rankin spent two years in Monmouth College in the pursuit of advanced education. They are both members of the Ellison United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Rankin made a profession of religion when quite young. He has been elected to the office of ruling elder, and is an earnest, active, Christian man. His business affairs receive close and careful attention, and he has had, at least, fair success in life. He met with a very serious accident February 17, 1892, in running a machine for cutting up corn-fodder. His left hand got caught in some part of the machinery, was drawn in, and the flesh and muscles were so scraped and torn that he lost all his fingers. It also caused him, for a time, a good deal of intense suffering. Four interesting children have been born to them—all born near Biggsville, Illinois.

- (1). WALTER HERBERT. Born August 15, 1885.
- (2). LUCILE MACKAY. Born July 27, 1887.
- (3). GERTRUDE BETH. Born October 10, 1889.
- (4). MARGARET ESTELLE. Born March 1, 1894.

“Thy children, like olive plants, round about thy table.”—Happy in this life and prepared for a much higher state of enjoyment in the life to come.

James F. Rankin was married a second time, to Elizabeth Edwards, in Nebraska, December 22, 1892. Three children have been born to them—all born near Biggsville, Illinois.

- (1). WALDO DWIGHT. Born September 22, 1893.
- (2). ALBERT FARRINGTON. Born November 17, 1895.
- (3). A DAUGHTER. Born August 14, 1897.

They are both members of the United Presbyterian Church, at Ellison, Illinois.

IX. BARBARA THOMPSON. Born near Auburn Center, Crawford County, Ohio, September 24, 1838. Her education was obtained at the country Public Schools, and was ordinarily good. Being the youngest sister, the charge of her father's home naturally fell to her, after all the older sisters were married, and she filled the position faithfully and well. She was truly a kind, faithful daughter, as was shown in every way, especially in the close attention given to the interests of her parental home for many weary years. She was, on account of her kindly disposition, a great favorite among children. With them "Aunt Barbara," with her smiling face and genial nature, was all right. She was married to Vance Nichols, at Oquawka, Illinois, July 4, 1870, by Rev. Charles Thompson. He was the son of Thomas and Lavinia Nichols, and was born in Allen County, Ohio, August 7, 1834. His sister Lavinia was married to my brother James. He was a farmer near Olena, Henderson County, Illinois. He enlisted as a soldier, the time of the Civil War, in the 83rd Illinois Regiment. He was in the army from August, 1862, to July 5th, 1865, or until the close of the war. His death took place near Olena, Illinois, April 2, 1882, and he was buried in the Cemetery at Ellison. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Four children were born to them—all born near Olena, Henderson County, Illinois.

1. AN INFANT SON. Born April 23, 1871. Died April 26, 1871.

2. LAVINIA JANE. Born April 1, 1872. She took special pains to qualify herself for the position of a teacher in the Public Schools, and taught several terms, giving good satisfaction to her employers, in Henderson County, Illinois. She commenced teaching when quite young. She pursued advanced studies at Dixon and Bushnell, Illinois. Her marriage to HENRY HERBERT SLATER took place at Bushnell, August 8, 1892. He is the son of Rev. Charles and Mary Agnes (Ames) Slater, and was born at Barrow, England, December 3, 1869. He was brought to this country by his parents in July, 1875. He is a law student. He has for several years been the principal of Public Schools in various places in Illinois. He is at present the principal at Blue Mound, Macon County, Illinois. They are both members of the Congregational Church. Three children have been given them—entrusted sacredly to their care.

(1). LAVINIA LUCILE. Born at Harristown, Illinois, July 29, 1893.

(2). HERBERT NICHOLS. Born at Stronghurst, Illinois, September 25, 1895.

(3). HOMER H. Born at Decatur, Illinois, May 5, 1897.

3. THOMAS A. NICHOLS. Born September 13, 1875. In addition to study at the home Public Schools, he was for some time a student of the Media Academy, at Media, Henderson County, Illinois, doing good work. He has been engaged for several years in the mercantile business at Stronghurst, Illinois, with fair success. He is kind and attentive to his mother, thoughtful with regard to all her varied wants. He is an active member and ruling elder of the United Presbyterian Church at Stronghurst, ever working faithfully for its up-building.

4. ARTHUR VANCE NICHOLS. Born December 9, 1878. Died January 1, 1879.

My sister, Mrs. Nichols, lives in Stronghurst, Illinois—her son Thomas making his home with his mother. She is a

devoted member of the United Presbyterian Church, and gives a great deal of attention to the subject of religion. It is a source of great comfort to her in her many lonely hours at home.

X. JOSEPH THOMPSON. Born near Auburn Center, Crawford County, Ohio, August 31, 1843. He was the youngest of my father's family by almost five years. He was quite a pet and was teased a great deal when a small boy, but quite able and ready to take his own part. He had a good common school education, but had some trouble with a slight stammering of speech for several years of his life. He had charge of the home farm for quite a number of years, until the death of his father. On the 16th of August, 1862, he enlisted as a soldier in the 83rd Regiment, Illinois Infantry, Company F, and remained in the army until after the close of the war, July 5, 1865. He was in the second battle of Fort Donelson, where his regiment was stationed as guard the greater portion of the time he was in the army. After reaching almost the age of bachelorship, he was married to MISS MARY NELSON, in Chicago, Illinois, September 16, 1880. She was the daughter of John and Mary Nelson, of Salem, New York. Her parents were both born in Ireland, as is supposed, in County Antrim. She was born in Jackson, Washington County, New York, March 1, 1852. She taught Public Schools for several years before her marriage, in Henderson County, Illinois. On the death of his father in 1872, mother was left in his care, in the old homestead, and ever after had her home with him until her death. He was always kind and thoughtful of his mother, and in disposition was cheerful and lively. The home property by "*will*," after settlement with the other heirs, fell into his hands, and he occupied it as his home, until quite recently he moved to Stronghurst, Illinois, to educate his children. For several years he held the office of ruling elder in the United Presbyterian

Church of Olena, Illinois. They have *five* interesting children—all born near Stronghurst, Henderson County, Illinois.

1. SARAH JANE. Born September 23, 1882. She is a member of the United Presbyterian Church and energetically engaged in the pursuit of an education, in the Public Schools at Stronghurst.

2. MARGARETTA ELLEN. Born March 8, 1885. Her education, with good opportunities, is receiving due attention.

3. RAYMOND HARRISON. Born August 15, 1888. As he bears the name of a noted president of the United States, he will need to try hard to secure and maintain a good reputation in coming years, should his life be spared.

4. LILLIAN BARBARA. Born September 7, 1890.

5. MARJORIE RAITT. Born September 10, 1893.

May each member of this family have a pleasant, happy, Christian home on earth, and when life's trials and toils are ended here, a heavenly eternal home among the redeemed above.

X. SARAH THOMPSON. Born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1797, and was the youngest of a large family of ten children. She was married to THOMAS FERGUSON, near Fairview, Guernsey County, Ohio, in or about the year 1815. He was born in County Down, Ireland, as is supposed, in 1790. He was a younger brother of Samuel Ferguson, who married an older sister of Aunt Sarah—two brothers marrying two sisters. He was a farmer; his farm and my father's lying near each other, two miles south of Fairview. They are both dead, but the dates of their death I have not learned; nor have I been able to learn much about the family of this uncle. Such information as I have alone can be given, and that possibly with some incorrect statements. They were both buried in the Fairview Cemetery. I have no record of the time the death of

either of them occurred. Six children were born to them, near Fairview, Guernsey County, Ohio.

1. JANE. Born in 1816. She was married to Thomas Griffeth (or Griffen.) He was a farmer and lived in Belmont County, Ohio. They are both dead. No children.

2. JOHN THOMPSON. Born May 8, 1819. He married Miss Sarah Robbins, April 19, 1842. She was born December 23, 1824. Mr. Ferguson lived near Fairview, Ohio, until the year 1863 or 4, when he moved to Richland County, Wisconsin. He was a farmer. His death took place August 2, 1874. Eleven children were born to them—all born near Fairview, Ohio.

(1). JOHN WILLIAM. Born April 15, 1843. Lives at Woodstock, Richland County, Wisconsin.

(2). JOSEPH R. Born March 14, 1845.

(3). THOMAS A. Born March 25, 1847.

(4). SAMUEL M. Born May 23, 1849.

(5). LYDIA A. Born July 21, 1851. Died March 18, 1892.

(6). ROBERT. Born December 27, 1853.

(7). SARAH JANE. Born November 27, 1855.

(8). AMELIA. Born December 20, 1857. Dead.

(9). MATILDA. Born June 4, 1860. Dead.

(10). CHARLES H. Born August 5, 1865.

(11). ADA M. Born April 20, 1869.

3. WILLIAM. Born in 1821. He is married, but I have not learned to whom. His post-office address is Pender, Thurston County, Nebraska.

4. SUSANNA. Born in 1823. Her death took place near Fairview, Ohio.

5. THOMAS. Born in or about the year 1825. He always made his home with his brother John. He had a defect

of his mental faculties, and was never very bright. His death took place in Wisconsin.

6. SAMUEL F. Born August 19, 1828. His marriage to Miss Lucinda Newel took place February 28, 1850. She was born October 13, 1830. He followed the business of farming, near Fairview, Ohio, until his removal to Richland County, Wisconsin, where his death took place June 6, 1894. They had a large family; ten children were born to them.

- (1). SARAH JANE. Born January 17, 1851.
- (2). JAMES F. Born December 9, 1852.
- (3). MARY M. Born May 1, 1855. Died May 21, 1855.
- (4). WILLIAM P. Born May 30, 1856. He has been married. He lives at Pender, Thurston County, Nebraska.
- (5). CHARLES M. Born December 6, 1858. He died March 16, 1894.
- (6). FRANCIS C. Born May 18, 1861.
- (7). HATTIE A. Born September 21, 1863.
- (8). MOLLIE B. Born September 19, 1866. Died April 9, 1892.
- (9). ELLIE L. Born February 23, 1869.
- (10). OSCAR N. Born July 26, 1871.

The Raitt Family—Mother's Relatives.

My mother's maiden name was RAITT, and in taking up her history it becomes necessary to pass over to Scotland. The family as first known, lived in Dundee, where it is probable my grandparents were both born, but *when* is not known. Very likely, if their ancestry could be traced back, it would be found that many of them lived in Dundee for several generations past.

DAVID RAITT, my grandfather, was married to Miss LILLIS ANGUS, in Dundee, Scotland, in 1798. In a letter from

Rev. James Brown D. D., whose mother lived just next door to them in Dundee, he speaks of them as follows: "They were both members of the Burgher branch of the Secession Church, and were of the same class as my grandfather's family; that is, what is known in Scotland as the middle class. They were almost universally an educated, intelligent and religious portion of the community. Mother always spoke of Mr. and Mrs. Raitt in the highest terms, as being intelligent, upright, godly people. Indeed the people composing the Secession Church at that time in both its branches, were among the most intelligent and godly people in Scotland. Your Grandfather's worldly circumstances were perhaps very nearly such as Agur desired; he had 'neither poverty nor riches.' He must have been in this regard, however, above common, for he had means enough to bring his family to this country, and it was a costly business in those days to come to America."

Grandfather left Dundee, Scotland, in the spring of 1802, and came to the United States, landing in Virginia. The voyage across the ocean was unusually lengthened out, there being long, continuous adverse winds. Instead of seven weeks, the time anticipated for the trip, it lasted eleven; and so the family before landing was reduced almost to the point of starvation. Provisions were only allowed to be taken on board the vessel for the usual time—seven weeks.

They first settled in Rockbridge County, Virginia, where it is supposed they lived about eight years. Grandmother, being of a kind, sympathetic nature, could not endure slavery; especially the auction block on which slaves were sold. Accordingly, about the year 1810, they removed to Belmont County, Ohio, and from thence in 1815, or near that time, to Guernsey County, Ohio, near Fairview. In 1817, with a horse and cart as their only conveyance, they made another and last move to Richland County, Ohio, settling down on a small farm of eighty

acres, near Windsor. The country was new, and he, like others, had all the improvements to make. The log cabin was soon erected; using his foot, which was rather large, to measure the length of the logs, the measurement was not always very exact. The land, too, had to be cleared, and other out-buildings required were built. There must have been a great many privations and hard struggles endured to make a start and get things under headway in their new home—such as but few at the present time would be willing to undergo.

Grandfather never could manage a team with much skill, and, as a necessary consequence, he met with a great many mishaps. In Scotland he was a weaver by trade, and worked at the business, sometimes, in this country. He always kept up his broad Scotch, apparently not caring or trying to improve. On one occasion, while engaged in farm work, he came across a nice looking, good-sized Indian turnip. He picked it up, looked at it for a moment, and then concluded to taste it and see if it were not good to eat. It looked very nice. In a very little time he said to one of his children who happened to be near, “Awa hame and tell your mither I’m pusioned.” Any one who has made a similar trial of the virtues of the Indian turnip will understand the situation.

Grandmother was an active, sweet little Christian woman, beloved by all with whom she was associated in life. Her services as a midwife were in great demand, and for years she traveled in that line of business on horseback, over nearly all that region of country. While she was little of stature, grandfather was a large, tall, well developed looking man. They both lived to be well up in years, and in death they were not long divided. The promise was fulfilled in the case of each one of this wedded pair. “Thou shalt come to thy grave in a *full age*, like a shock of corn cometh in his season.” Their supposed feelings, when far advanced in life, may be well expressed in the lines below.

“I would not know
Which of us two will be the first to go.
I only wish the space may not be long
Between the parting and the greeting song;
But when; or where, or how we’re called to go—
I would not know.”

Her death took place January 10, 1856, in her eighty-third year. He died July 8th of the same year, in the ninetieth year of his age,—a difference of only about seven months in the time of death. They were both buried at Windsor, Ohio, near where they passed thirty-nine years of their lives. Their married life lasted nearly, if not altogether, fifty-eight years. They were members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, at Mansfield, Ohio. They sweetly rest from their labors.

Seven children were born to them—two sons and five daughters.

I. MARGARET RAITT. Born in Dundee, Scotland, May 3, 1799. She was married to WILLIAM THOMPSON, near Fairview, Ohio, December 5, 1816. Her history will be found in connection with that of her husband.

II. JANE RAITT. Her birth took place in Dundee, Scotland, March 10, 1801. She was my mother, and was married to ADAM THOMPSON, near Fairview, Ohio, November 1, 1821. Her history will be found in connection with the statement of my father, Adam Thompson.

III. JAMES RAITT. He was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, in May, 1803. He is said to have been a stirring, active, lively boy. He was married to Sarah Cobean, in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1828 or 9. He was a farmer for several years near Windsor, Ohio; later, a short distance east of Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. For many years he was an elder in

the United Presbyterian Church, at Mansfield. He sustained the reputation of a straightforward, godly, conscientious man, and was well respected in the community in which he lived. He had strong attachments to his own church and always manifested a deep interest in efforts for the up-building of the cause of Christ. In personal appearance Uncle Raitt was a tall, portly, fine looking man, with usually a very pleasant smile on his countenance. Aunt Sarah's death took place near Mansfield, in 1844 or 5. Three children were born to them—all daughters, and all born near Windsor, Richland County, Ohio.

1. ELIZABETH. Born June 17, 1830. She was married to James Boals, who lives near Ontario, Richland County, Ohio. Mrs. Boals died in March, 1886, and was buried at Ontario. They had five children. One is dead. The names of the living are Sarah E., Maggie E., James Arthur and Charles.

2. NANCY LILLIS. She was born October 13, 1833. She was married to James Coulter, near Mansfield, Ohio, in 1861. Mr. Coulter was born in Pennsylvania, May 6, 1833. He is a farmer near Ontario, Ohio. Three children have been born to them—daughters, all born near Mansfield, Ohio.

(1). OLIVE. Born October 26, 1862.

(2). CORA. Born January 13, 1864. She was married to B. B. Gray, May 30, 1887. They have three children, Mossie, Hazel and Violet.

(3). ELLA. Born April 14, 1866.

Mr. and Mrs. Coulter are members of the United Presbyterian Church, at Ontario, Ohio.

3. SARAH JANE. Born near Mansfield, Ohio, July 14, 1836. She was married to Samuel Barnes. He is a carpenter. He lived several years at Fairfield, Iowa, where his wife died in 1894, and where she was buried. He now lives at Washington, Kansas. Five children have been born to them.

- (1). JAMES FRANK. He is married.
- (2). GEORGIA ANN.
- (3). MARGARET LETITIA.
- (4). FANNIE.
- (5). GUY.

UNCLE JAMES RAITT was married a second time, to LETITIA JOHNSTON, near Lexington, Ohio, June 11, 1846. He removed to Mansfield, Ohio, when advanced in years, where he lived a retired life until his death, which took place May 1, 1885. He was buried in the Cemetery at Mansfield. For the last few years of his life he was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Aunt Letitia is now my only living aunt, and resides at No. 7 North Mulberry Street, Mansfield, Ohio. She is well up in years and is a faithful devoted member of the United Presbyterian Church where she has her home. She doubtless feels trustfully, with the Psalmist, that when the resurrection morn arrives, "I shall be *satisfied*, when I awake, with thy likeness."

IV. MARGERY GOW RAITT. She was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, October 18, 1805. Of her early life but little is known. She was married to JAMES SHORT, near Windsor, Ohio, in 1825. He was born near Noblestown, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1787. His education was quite limited, but he was fond of reading and kept well posted on the leading questions of the day. He was in the war of 1812. He came west, as it was then called, in 1820, and located near Mansfield, Ohio; then only a military fort. Soon after his marriage he sold his property near Windsor, on the Black Fork, and moved onto a newly purchased farm near Ashland, Ohio, where he resided until his death. Uncle Short was remarkable for his genial qualities of mind, and for his kindness of heart to every one. He was very pleasant in his

social life, a good neighbor, kind and sympathetic in his family, and a truly pious, godly man. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, at Savannah, Ohio. His death took place at his nice, comfortable home, February 19, 1861. He was buried in the Cemetery at Ashland, Ohio.

Aunt Short was a woman of strong convictions respecting right and wrong, and never swerved from them. She was a close student of the Bible, quite able in prayer, and a great reader. Having purchased Henry's Bible Commentary in 1859, she commenced reading it in course, and had nearly read it through at the time of her death—a period of about five years. Her seat in the house of God was seldom vacant, although living a distance of six miles from the church of her choice. She was thoughtful of the sick and those burdened with care, and was ever ready to give a helpful hand as a nurse. She was a woman of more than ordinary intelligence, and excelled as a conversationalist. All her daughters—three in number—were made life members of the Ashland County, Ohio, Bible Society. While she was naturally strong in both body and mind, yet the death of her husband seemed such a severe stroke to her that she never fully recovered from it. After a little more than three long, weary, lonely years, from the time of her husband's death, the messenger came to her, June 9, 1864, and she was at rest. The prayer of our precious Savior was answered. "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory." She was buried by the side of her husband, in the Ashland Cemetery. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. They reared a family of six children.

1. MARSHALL. Born near Windsor, Ohio, October 6, 1826. He received a good common school education at home, after which he spent a year in study at an academy at Edinburg, Wayne County, Ohio. He was employed a short time as clerk

in a dry goods store in Norwalk, Ohio; but the gold excitement of California, in 1850, so captivated him, that he was found with a large company of other young men, and some older ones, on his way to California, via steamer from New York City, landing in the winter of 1850-51. Many of his companions, after a few years, returned; but he, after working for a time at the mining business, concluded to remain in California, entered into the fruit-raising business, and for many years kept the Forest House, near Yreka, Siskiyou County, where he now resides. His sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Woods, made her home with him for some time previous to her death.

2. LILLIS ANN. Born near Windsor, Ohio, February 22, 1828. Her education, outside of the common Public Schools, was obtained at the Vermillion Institute, Hayesville, Ohio. While at home she faithfully performed her own part of household duties. Her marriage, with JAMES BROWN, took place at her father's home, near Ashland, Ohio, April 30, 1857. He was born in Hancock County, West Virginia, (opposite Steubenville, Ohio,) August 3, 1830. He was the son of Robert and Sarah (Ledlie) Brown. They lived for a good many years, after their marriage, near Lexington, Ohio, engaged in farming and in sheep-raising. A few years ago they moved to Cedarville, Ohio, where they now reside, and near which he still owns a good farm and gives careful attention to its interests. He is an elder in the United Presbyterian Church, in which both he and his wife have for many years been active, prayerful members. After years of toil and close attention to household duties, cousin Lillis enjoys the quiet of home life, reading with great delight, a portion of the time, the precious truths of the divine Word, affording her the highest degree of pleasure. While some of the infirmities of age have already come upon her, yet she realizes that, "though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." Four children have been committed to their care—all born near Lexington, Ohio.

(1). ROBERT MARSHALL. Born April 3, 1858. He was married to Miss Lillie White, near Beloit, Kansas, March 23, 1882. They now live at Yreka, California. He is carrying on the fruit farm business for his uncle, Marshall Short. They have two children, Bessie Olive, born in April, 1886, and Helen, born in February, 1892.

(2). MARY ELIZABETH. Born July 5, 1859. She spent some time, a few years ago, with her uncle, Marshall Short, at Yreka, California. She now keeps house for her brother Grant, near Lexington, Ohio.

(3). JAMES SHORT. Born August 30, 1861. He was married to Florence Gregg, at Lexington, Ohio, September 6, 1888. Two children have been born to them, Vaughney Mae, born December 23, 1889, and Grace Emily, born July 7, 1896. He is a farmer near Cedarville, Ohio. They are both members of the United Presbyterian Church.

(4). DAVID ULYSSES GRANT. Born September 4, 1864. He lived several years with his Uncle, Marshall Short, at Yreka, California. He lives at present on a farm near Lexington, Ohio.

3. MARY JANE. Born near Ashland Ohio, October 16, 1830. Her higher education, which was quite extensive, was obtained at the Vermillion Institute, Hayesville, Ohio, and at Olome Seminary, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. She taught quite satisfactorily several District Schools in Ohio; and later, three or four terms near Yreka, California. In 1868, she, in company with her cousin, Jennie Thompson, took a trip by steamer to California, to visit her brother, Marshall Short, whom she had not seen for many years. She had previously given close attention to art studies, and had become quite skillful as an artist. She was married to AMOS WOODS, at Placerville, California, May 8, 1872. He was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, in 1826, where he also spent the early years of his life. He was an artist and photographer. From the time of his marriage un-

til 1879, he carried on his business at Maryville, California. He then moved to Oakland, where he continued to prosecute his business until his death, in April, 1887. He was buried in the beautiful Cemetery at Oakland, California. They had no children. Since 1891 she lived with her brother, Marshall Short, at the Forest House, near Yreka, California, where her death took place, after quite a lingering illness, October 25, 1897. Her remains were taken to Oakland for interment and laid at rest beside the body of her husband. We trust she sleeps in Jesus.

4. JOHN. Born near Ashland, Ohio, in 1833. He and I attended the Ashland Academy together the summer of 1847. He was making good progress in study, but after a time was taken sick with some kind of fever: he partially recovered, but took a relapse, resulting in his death, in August, 1847. He was buried in the Ashland Cemetery, the students wearing the usual badge of mourning and marching in sorrowful procession to the grave. Thus when apparently preparing for life's work, death comes and the accountability must be rendered. It is well to seek the Lord in early life.

5. DAVID RAITT. Born near Ashland, Ohio, April 23, 1835. He had a good common school education and was regarded as a champion speller in old "spelling-school" times. He pursued higher educational work at the Academies at Ashland and Hayesville, Ohio, and finally commenced college studies at Oberlin; but the *gold fever* set in and he soon abandoned college life. At the age of eighteen he went to his brother, Marshall, in California, became interested in the mining business, and has since devoted his whole life to prospecting for gold and silver, and in mining enterprises. He is now located in South Dakota, near Deadwood. His post-office address is Central City, South Dakota.

6. ELIZABETH. Born at the old homestead, near Ashland, Ohio, May 8, 1841. Her advanced education was obtained at Ashland; Olome Seminary at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, under the care of Mrs. Rev. John French; and at the Vermillion Institute, Hayesville, Ohio, where she graduated March 22, 1865. Her marriage to Rev. JAMES PATTERSON FINNEY was solemnized at Hayesville on the evening of the day on which her graduation took place. Her husband was born at Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio, February 27, 1837. He is the son of William and Jane (Patterson) Finney. Mr. Finney obtained his college education at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1861. His theological studies were pursued at the Allegheny Seminary of the United Presbyterian Church. He was licensed to preach by the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Mansfield, April 19, 1865, and ordained in Indiana by the Presbytery of Wabash, November 15, 1866. His work in the ministry has been very extensively that of the home missionary, and largely in Northwestern Kansas. He and his devoted wife know well what it is to put up cheerfully with all kinds of accommodations, when such are as cheerfully given, and are the best that can be afforded. He held the position of stated supply, at Jamestown, Kansas, from 1867 to 1871. He was settled as pastor at Unity, Adams County, Ohio, from October, 1871, to August 23, 1876. (For his connection with the "*Finney tragedy*," in 1877, see statements under the head of Mrs. Sarah Finney.) He returned to Kansas in June, 1879, having charge of the Hopewell congregation until the fall of 1890, when he removed to Tarkio, Missouri, for the purpose of giving all his children the opportunity of a good college education. Rev. J. P. Finney has been quite successful in his ministerial work, whether as pastor or home missionary. His life work has certainly not been in vain. Since his removal to Tarkio, he has been engaged the greater

portion of the time in ministerial labor, in which he takes great delight.

Mrs. Finney has ever proved herself an efficient worker in the church, and a wise counselor in the household. She has for many years been an active, deeply interested member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and a decided friend of female suffrage. With the saloon and its upholders she has but little patience and no sympathy. Her children are very much attached to her, as well they may be, since she has so devotedly given herself to their true and highest interests, both for this life and the life to come—the home below and the home above.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Finney.

(1). MINNEHAHA. Born at Pittsburg, Indiana, January 24, 1867. She has given close attention to educational work, from the elementary principles until she closed her college career. She graduated in the High School at Beloit, Kansas, in 1886, in a class of fifteen, receiving one-half the first honor. She delivered the salutatory address and was given a scholarship in Adrian College, Michigan. After teaching school successfully for a few years, she entered Tarkio College, at Tarkio, Missouri, in 1888, and in three years graduated in the scientific course—in June, 1891. Again the honor was accredited to her of delivering the salutatory address. The following year she taught in the Public Schools at Red Oak, Iowa. In the fall of 1892 she went to Knoxville, Tennessee, to teach in the College for the Freedmen in that city. This position she filled quite acceptably and creditably to herself for two years. In 1894 she was appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church as a missionary to Egypt. This appointment was accepted, and, making all necessary arrangements without delay, she sailed from New York, October 15, 1894, in company with others, for her new field of labor. Upon her arrival in Egypt she commenced at once the study of the

Arabic language, anxious to be ready to enter fully on her work in that needy field, at an early day. A portion of her time from the first was taken up as teacher of the English language. She has since made commendable progress in acquiring the language of the country, and is now engaged as principal of the girls' school at Monsoura, Egypt. Her work is very important and far-reaching. May she have abundant success in her labor of love for the Master.

(2). WILLIAM HERBERT. Born March 2, 1869, at Manhattan, Kansas. While at home, and not otherwise engaged, he took hold of farm work, in which he felt a special interest. After giving careful attention to Public School work for a number of years, in 1889 he went to Tarkio, Missouri, and at once entered on college studies, in the institution located at that place. He was a diligent student and pleasant with his associates. After a course of study requiring six years, he graduated at Tarkio College, June 13, 1895. For a year after his graduation he engaged in business of different kinds, as opportunity afforded. In the fall of 1896 he entered the Theological Seminary at Xenia, Ohio, having chosen the ministry as his life work. He is an earnest, devoted Christian, active in Christian effort in his younger years. And may we not truly hope that when his work on earth is ended, that very many precious immortal souls will have been given him by the Master as a crown of rejoicing.

(3). ROSCOE RAITT. Born August 13, 1871, at Mansfield, Ohio. Though his life on earth was brief, there are many precious memories left behind, especially in the family circle, where he was most intimately known and greatly endeared. His death took place at Beloit, Kansas, February 4, 1885, and he was buried in the Cemetery at that place.

“Prayers of love like rain-drops fall,
Tears of pity are cooling dew,
And dear to the heart of our Lord are all,
Though called from earth when their years are few.”

(4). SARAH JANE PEARL. Born at Unity, Adams County, Ohio, July 15, 1873. Her Public School education was obtained in Kansas. On the removal of her parents, in the fall of 1890, to Tarkio, Missouri, she entered Tarkio College with the view of taking a regular course of study. She has been a faithful student, carries a genial smile on her face, indicative of her own state of mind and helpful to others. This is on the principle that it makes us happy to see and make others happy around us. She finished her college work, with credit to herself in many ways, in June, 1896. Since her graduation she has been engaged in teaching in the Public Schools of the county. What her life work may be we have not been informed. Possibly she does not yet know herself, as it lies largely in the future. I would humbly suggest this as her life motto: "Always abounding in the work of the Lord."

(5). DWIGHT McDILL. He was born at Unity, Adams County, Ohio, May 27, 1876. He is blessed with a strong, vigorous constitution, with apparently perfect health—built for exercise in bodily strength. He had in his younger years considerable experience in farm work. Living as he did in Kansas, he never saw a saloon until he was over fourteen years of age—when his father moved in 1890 to Tarkio, Missouri. He is at the present time (1897) a student of Tarkio College, and will probably take a full college course. The Finney family are all members of the United Presbyterian Church. All the children have had the opportunity of a good college education. Thus they, with well developed, well trained minds, should be prepared to take hold of life's work and make a grand success of it. Mr. and Mrs. Finney are anxious for their children to make the most of life, to do well in both temporal and spiritual things, and to be helpful to others, whether in joy or in sorrow.

V. BARBARA RAITT. Born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, in 1807. She was married to William Hall and lived for some time in Western Pennsylvania. Her health having given way, she came to her parents' home, near Windsor, Ohio, to spend a few weeks and see if her health would not improve. In this she was disappointed, and in a little time her death took place. She was buried in the Olivesburg Cemetery. Nothing later is known of her husband. They had no children.

VI. DAVID RAITT. Born in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1811. He died at his father's home, near Windsor, Ohio, August 1, 1833, aged twenty-two years and three months. But little is known about him. He is favorably and highly spoken of by his most intimate friends. How soon our relatives pass away and are forgotten. "The place thereof shall know it no more."

VII. NANCY WILLISON RAITT. She was the youngest member of the family, and was born in Belmont County, Ohio, April 15, 1814. Concerning her life in her early years I have no information. She was married to John Francis, near Windsor, Ohio, by Rev. James Johnston, of Mansfield, April 31, 1835. He was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, November 22, 1803. He was a farmer for many years near Windsor, Ohio, and afterward at Kirkwood, Warren County, Illinois. In business he was an upright, fair-dealing Christian man. He acted in the capacity of a ruling elder in the United Presbyterian Church for many years, and was faithful in the performance of the duties of his office.

Aunt Nancy was a kind, thoughtful, pious and devoted mother. A pleasant, happy Christian home was the desire and aim of her life. In these things she seems to have had at least fair success. At the last, especially, Christ was very precious

to her as her Saviour. She died, after a lingering, painful illness of several months, August 30, 1889. The deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Francis occurred very closely together—only thirty-three days apart. His death took place October 2, 1889. They were buried in the Kirkwood Cemetery. They were both members of the United Presbyterian Church. They had five children born to them—all born near Windsor, Richland County, Ohio.

1. DAVID RAITT. Born March 21, 1837. After spending some time in general educational work, he took up the study of medicine, with the view of making it his chosen profession in life. He graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in New York City, in 1866. He entered the marriage relation with Mary Jane Wallace, near Ashland, Ohio, September 16, 1863. She was born August 8, 1839, in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Dr. Francis practiced medicine for several years at Paxton, Illinois, and at one or two other places, when he finally located at Mansfield, Ohio, near his old home, and where he now resides. He has a good practice and stands high in the medical profession. They have no children. They are both members of the Presbyterian Church, and are pleasant socially.

2. MARY ANN. Born January 26, 1839. In addition to usual Public School studies, she spent several sessions at Vermillion Institute, at Hayesville, Ohio. She has also taken a Chataqua course of study, since she closed her seminary work. She was married to REV. WILLIAM MARSHALL RICHIE, near Windsor, Ohio, June 11, 1862. He was born near Mansfield, Ohio, May 16, 1832. He graduated at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1857. After taking a regular theological course of study in the United Presbyterian Seminary, at Allegheny, he was licensed to preach, by the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Mansfield, April 9, 1861. He was ordained to the work of the ministry, September 11, 1862, by

the Presbytery of Frankfort. His work was largely in the pastorate, as will appear in what follows:

He was pastor at Hanover, Pennsylvania, from September, 1862, to June 20, 1865; at Crawfordsville, Iowa, from April 26, 1866, to June 21, 1871; at Paxton, Illinois, from October 27, 1872, to April 10, 1877; at Spring Hill, Indiana, from May 2, 1877, to April 2, 1879. He was stated supply for a short time at Martin, Michigan. He was pastor at Marshalltown, Iowa, for a brief period, and also at Burchard, Nebraska, where his labors commenced May 23, 1884. His closing regular work in the ministry was at Birmingham, Iowa, where he was stationed as stated supply. Though his changes have been frequent and his pastorates short, yet in many respects he has done a good work for the Master. For several years his wife has been in delicate health. She has been helpful to her husband in Christian efforts, as her health and strength permitted. They have no children. His home at present is at Ledyard, Iowa.

3. JAMES. Born August 10, 1848. He has been in the farming business all his life; first near Windsor, Ohio, but for several years at Kirkwood, Illinois, and recently at Bancroft, Iowa. He has also been in the stock business. He has lived a quiet, peaceable life. Unmarried. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

4. LILLIS JANE. Born September 22, 1850. She was a kind, thoughtful daughter while her parents lived, in sickness and health, relieving their sorrows as far as possible, and administering to their varied wants. Since their death she has, until recently, kept house for her brother James, on the farm near Kirkwood, Illinois. Her health has not been vigorous. She is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. She now lives at Bancroft, Iowa.

5. JOHN PRESSLY. His birth took place January 17, 1856. He was married to MISS SARAH MELISSA DAY, at Kirkwood, Illinois, September 25, 1877. He assisted for several years in farm work and in carrying on the stock business, on his father's farm at Kirkwood, Illinois. His home has for several years been at Pawnee City, Nebraska. He has been engaged in various kinds of business, as the way opened up. Latterly he has held the position of clerk in a store. He holds the office of ruling elder in the Second United Presbyterian Church at Pawnee, Nebraska, and takes an active part in things tending to promote the interests and progress of the church. His wife is also an interested member of the United Presbyterian Church. Three children have been born to them.

(1). VIRGIE BELL. Born October 24, 1878. Her facilities for excellent educational work, at Pawnee, are good, and may we not hope she will improve them. As the only living child she will be a source of great pleasure and comfort to her parents, especially if she shows herself worthy, as we trust she will.

(2). JOHN ARTHUR. Born January 24, 1881. Died January 5, 1886.

(3). ALPHA MAY. Born October 12, 1888. Died December 2, 1891. They were both buried at Burchard, Nebraska.

“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child.” Parents enjoy the childish prattle of their children, and when death comes how sadly they feel!

The Given Family. My Wife's Relatives.

I now turn to the North of Ireland, with a feeling kindred to pride, to take up the history of the Given family—my wife's name being ELEANOR KERR GIVEN. Before doing this, however, I will transcribe from a private letter, written by one entirely outside of the family connection—W. A. Rankin,

Onarga, Illinois. It has reference to the general characteristics of the Scotch-Irish people, is nicely expressed, and is here just in place.

"The Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock has for a long time been noted for their sterling qualities of mind and heart; a people very tenacious of their rights, and bold in their defense of them; a people, above all, lovers of human liberty, invincible in controversy and undaunted in action; a people who adopted the Scriptures as their rule of life, and guide in daily walk, and rarely deviated from the precepts taught therein, their firmness at times bordering on obstinacy, but never in oppression; a stock, too, that transmits its characteristics from generation to generation; so much so, that the qualities of the forefathers are plainly discernible in the latest generation. It was such conditions as these that have given the Scotch-Irish their force of character and vigor of mind.

As a people they have ever been in the forefront of the world's progress. Refusing religious toleration in their native country, Scotland, they willingly, though sorrowfully left it, crossed the fretful waters of the Irish Sea and fixed themselves in the northern part of Ireland. There they wrought a great change in the civil conflict which cost James II., of England, his throne. They were quick to array themselves on the side of political and religious liberty. Later on, when Lord Antrim led his army against them, they never quailed. It was good stock then, and none is better now—none braver—none truer. With them resistance to tyranny was obedience to God, and their hearts' resolve was strictly in accordance with this trust. In the defense of Londonderry, in 1689, their faith and courage were fully brought to the test. No Scotch-Irish community ever tamely rested under oppression, and when they held sway, oppression never existed. On this side the water they readily took up the cause of liberty, and no men ever bared their

breasts, or wielded their weapons with more devotion to its maintenance."

In taking up the history of the Given family, I will commence with my wife's father and trace the record back as far as possible.

WILLIAM GIVEN was born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, in or about the year 1779. He was a miller by trade, as had been his father and grandfather in generations past, and at the same place. His father, JAMES GIVEN, had six children. William was the second son, and on his father's death when about seventy years of age, the family residence and trade fell into his hands. His mother's name was MARY ANN HILLIS. She lived at Tullygrally, Ireland. Nothing further about her, or her family, has been ascertained. Mr. Given's grandfather, JAMES GIVEN, was born in Scotland, and is believed to have removed to the North of Ireland, to Cullybackey, in the time of Oliver Cromwell. He was married to Miss JANE DALE, of English descent. This is as far back as I have been able to trace the history of father Given. It only reaches our great grandfather, James Given.

Grandfather, JAMES GIVEN, had three sons and three daughters—six children.

- I. JAMES.
- II. WILLIAM.
- III. JOHN.
- IV. MARGARET.
- V. JANE.
- VI. MARY ANNE.

I. JAMES GIVEN. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, April 12, 1777. He came to the United States when quite a young man, in 1798, and located at Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, where he continued to reside until his

death—a period of over sixty-two years. He was married to Miss SUSAN VANWYCK, at Fishkill, March 8, 1806. She was the youngest daughter of William VanWyck, of Fishkillhook, where she was born September 20, 1781. She was of Dutch descent. Her death took place at Fishkill, July 8, 1860. She was a member of the Reformed Church and an excellent, cultured Christian woman. They were the happy parents of seven children. They were all born at Fishkill, New York.

1. WILLIAM. Born February 4, 1807. His death took place at Fishkill, May 2, 1826.

2. LAVINIA. Born November 13, 1808. She died at the home of her niece, Mrs. James W. Andrews, at Fishkill, New York, April 11, 1893, and was buried in the Fishkill Rural Cemetery. She is spoken of by one intimately acquainted with her, for nearly seventy years, in terms of the highest commendation. "No words can express the utter unselfishness of her unwearied labors, and the patient, uncomplaining spirit with which she bore the many trials that were appointed her. She was one of the purest and truest persons I ever knew—wonderful for her sweetness and spiritual beauty of character." She was from early years a true disciple of Christ in the Reformed Church. "Unto you who believe Christ is precious."

3. MARY ANN. Born July 3, 1810. She was married to William Watson Andrews, July 24, 1833. He was the oldest son of Rev. William and Sarah Andrews, and was born at Windham, Connecticut, February 26, 1810. Mr. Andrews early entered the ministerial work as his profession. He is now located at Wethersfield, Connecticut. As I understand he is a minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mrs. Andrews died at Kent, Connecticut, October 23, 1848. Three children were born to them.

(1). WILLIAM GIVEN. Born at Kent, Connecticut, October 8, 1835. He graduated at Marietta, Ohio, in 1855. He

has been engaged in higher educational work in different places, but his great life work has been in the ministry. He is now Rector of Christ Church, Guilford, Connecticut.

(2). SUSAN VANWYCK. Born at Kent, Connecticut, March 19, 1830. She died at Wethersfield, Connecticut, December 2, 1874.

(3). JAMES WATSON. Born at Kent, Connecticut, October 15, 1848. He was married to Miss Laura H. Cotheal, October 8, 1874. His death took place September 20, 1880. He left two children behind to mourn his loss and receive a mother's careful, loving attention—a very sacred trust.

SUSAN VANWYCK. Born February 27, 1876.

HENRY COTHEAL. Born June 5, 1877.

Mrs. Andrews makes her home in Fishkill, New York.

4. SARAH. Born April 19, 1812. Died January 28, 1886.

5. JAMES. Born June 23, 1816. Died October 28, 1850.

6. VANWYCK. Born August 15, 1818. Died December 5, 1846.

7. JOHN. Born May 17, 1820. He was married to Margaret Ann Denniston, in 1847. His died at Stony Point, New York, February 25, 1894, aged seventy-three years, nine months and eight days.

II. WILLIAM GIVEN. The date and place of his birth have received previous mention. He was married in 1810 to Miss MARGARET TELFORD, at Dreentown, Ireland. She was the youngest daughter of John and Eliza Telford, and was born at Dreentown in the year 1787 or 8.

In time father Given came into the possession of the old mill property, and continued to carry on the business until his removal to this country, in 1844. Three members of the family, Jane, Margaret and John, preceded the rest a year—coming

over to the United States in 1843, and locating in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. In Ireland the family were members of the Presbyterian Church—Mr. Given holding the office of ruling elder. When in this country the family united with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, under the pastorate of the venerable John T. Pressly, D. D. Being somewhat advanced in years, Mr. Given did not take hold of any kind of business in this country. He lived a retired, peaceable life, greatly enjoying the privileges of the sanctuary, and, as necessity demanded, looking well after the interests of his family. He often read aloud for their benefit, at times when they were busy. He was of a quiet, retiring disposition. He was greatly respected in the community in which he lived, and honored and revered by his children for his kindly, sympathetic, exemplary, godly life.

His death took place quite suddenly, in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1854. He took a pretty severe cold a few days before his death; it soon developed into pneumonia, so fatal afterwards in the family, and life rapidly drew to a close. The family was deeply and sincerely overwhelmed in sorrow, yet not unmixed with joy. They did not sorrow as "others who have no hope." The funeral services were conducted by his beloved pastor, John T. Pressly, D. D., who took for his text, John 1:47, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." These words so well and so fitly chosen, so appropriately described his character that it did not seem necessary to speak at length; nevertheless a few well adapted remarks were made for the consolation of the mourners and the benefit of sympathizing friends who were present. His body was quietly laid to rest in the beautiful Union Dale Cemetery, of Allegheny, to await the resurrection of the just.

MRS. MARGARET GIVEN, the wife of the above, was of a rather contented, happy, cheerful disposition. She had at least one great trial to endure. In the latter part of 1846, on

her way home from church, on the Sabbath, she slipped on the icy pavement and fell, dislocating a hip joint. She was never able to walk afterwards without the aid of crutches. Thus she was deprived of the privileges of God's house, which she so much loved ; yet her life was prolonged for years. She did not complain about her lot in life. She was blessed with a happy social disposition and so was always pleased to have her friends call to see her. She seemed to greatly enjoy a good, hearty laugh that would almost cause her whole frame to shake. She had many precious hours of silent meditation and sweet communion with her heavenly Father. She was ever kindly cared for by her children, and seemed to be joyful in her prospects for a better, higher life to come. A month or so before her death, a carbuncle made its appearance on the back of her neck, being at times very painful. It did not seem very serious at first, but finally, after a period of great suffering, culminated in her death, at her home in Allegheny, May 4, 1860, when she was about seventy-three years of age. Sorrow again entered this household. Father and mother had both crossed over the Jordan of death to be present with the Lord in a better, happier world than this. Appropriate funeral services were conducted by Dr. John T. Pressly at the home of the deceased, when her body was solemnly laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Union Dale Cemetery, of Allegheny City.

“How full of dread, how full of hope, loometh inevitable death ;
Of dread, for all have sinned ; of hope, for One hath saved ;
The dread is drowned in joy, the hope is filled with immortality,
The terrors are but shadows now that haunt the vale of death.”

Mr. and Mrs. William Given had a large, interesting family of ten children. All born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland.

1. MARY GIVEN. Her birth took place at Cullybackey, Ireland, August 2, 1811. She came to this country with her

parents in 1844, living in Allegheny City, where she continued to make her home through life. She assisted her sister Jane for many years in the dressmaking business. She was from early years a devoted Christian woman. Her church membership for several years was in the First United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, Dr. W. J. Robinson, Pastor. Her death took place at No. 286 Sandusky Street, Allegheny, October 18, 1890—aged seventy-nine years, two months and sixteen days. She was buried in the family lot in Union Dale Cemetery.

2. ELIZABETH GIVEN. Born in Cullybackey, Ireland, January 19, 1813. She was married to Andrew Kennedy, in August, 1835. He was born in Tullygrally, Ireland, in or about the year 1811. He was engaged in the farming and storekeeping business, employed weavers of linen and sold webs. In time he moved to Tulleygrehah still continuing in the mercantile business, and with fair success. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died August 3, 1884, when seventy-three years of age.

ELIZABETH (GIVEN) KENNEDY, has lived a very busy, active life. Her son William says, "My mother from her early days was a busy woman, and had not time to attend to such small matters as the birth-dates of her children, and so now can not give one of them." She is still in vigorous health for one well advanced in years; and, as in the past, continues to enjoy life. Her home is in Tullygrally, Ireland, where her daughter, Mary Jane, keeps house for her, and kindly looks after her every interest. Her children all highly respect their aged mother, and seem to be doing well for themselves, both in temporal and spiritual things. She, no doubt, can say from the heart, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy—an unusually large family.

(1). WILLIAM GIVEN. Born June 23, 1836, in Tullygrally, County Antrim, Ireland. He has the benefit of a good Public School education. He has all his life been in the mercantile business in different places in Ireland, and for a few years in the United States, in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, in partnership with his uncle, John Given. Latterly he has been in the linen business at The Hollies, Rosetta Park, Belfast, Ireland. He is a man of strict integrity, and upright in all his business transactions. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

(2). ELIZABETH. She was born in Tullygrally, Ireland, in 1838. Her home is at The Hollies, Rosetta Park, Belfast, Ireland. She keeps house for her brother, William Kennedy, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

(3). MARY JANE. Born in Tullygrally, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1840. She lives at Tullyreah, Glariford, Belfast, Ireland, and keeps house for her aged mother, letting as much bright sunlight into the home life as possible, to cheer and make her life happy.

(4). LAVINIA. Born in Tullygrally, Ireland, in 1842. She came to this country on a visit with her relations, in or about the year 1883, in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. But in the providence of God she was not permitted to return to her native land. The stern messenger came to her in Allegheny, where her death took place in March, 1885. She was buried in Union Dale Cemetery. "*Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face.*" In that better world all minds will be unclouded.

(5). ANDREW. Born at Tullygrally, County Antrim, Ireland, in June, 1843. He is married, but I have not learned to whom, or when the marriage ceremony was performed. He is a farmer, a deputy vice-chairman of the Ballymena Board of Guardians, chairman of the Ballymena Land, Building and

Investment Company, (Limited), as well as valuator for them ; and he values land for the farmers when they are going into law-courts about their lands. He has a family of four daughters and two sons. Their names have not been reported. He seems to be quite well supplied with business, and one would suppose would not have much idle time on hand. He lives at Kildowny, Glariford, Belfast, Ireland.

(6). DAVID KENNEDY. He was born in Tullygrally, County Antrim, Ireland, in or about the year 1845. After the usual course of medical studies, he entered the medical profession, making it his life work. He has been quite successful. His practice is in London. His address is Jamaica Road, London, England.

(7). MARGARET. Born in Tullygrally, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1847. She was married to ROBERT HYNDMAN, August 27, 1872. He lives in Birmingham, England, and is engaged in the wholesale ironmongery business. Her health having failed, in 1892, she went to Belfast, Ireland, and was placed under the best known medical treatment ; but after about twenty months of great suffering, which she bore patiently—she seemed never to fear death—she died at her mother's home in Tullygrally, Ireland, January 11, 1894. Her remains lie in the Graveyard at Killymurris.

(8). JOHN. Born in Tullygrally, Ireland, in or about the year 1849. His death took place when about seven years of age.

(9). MATILDA. She was born in Tullyreah, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1851. She died when six years of age.

(10). ANNIE. Born in Tullyreah, Ireland, in 1853. Her home is with her mother, in Tullyreah, Glariford, Belfast, Ireland. No further particulars are known.

(11). JAMES. Born in Tullygrally, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1855. He is in business in London, England. The statements in the history of the Kennedy family are rather

meager, owing to the lack of suitable information, which I have failed to obtain.

3. ANNIE (1) GIVEN. Born in Cullybackey, Ireland, November 23, 1814. Her death took place when she was only about a year old.

4. JANE GIVEN. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, October 28, 1816. She came to this country with her sister Margaret and brother John, in 1843—locating in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. She learned the trade of dressmaking, and carried on the business for a great many years. She was assisted in the work by several of her sisters. In this she was quite successful. She was remarkably quiet and peaceable in her disposition, and was especially noted for her unselfishness; being always willing to deny herself for the benefit and pleasure of others. She seemed to enjoy life in her own quiet way. She was apparently always in a contented and happy frame of mind. After the death of her father and mother, she was, by common consent, almost, regarded as the head of the family. To her they often went for counsel and advice. She was such a lovely, devoted Christian woman, that she inspired confidence. She was not, perhaps, as active as some in Christian work. She was born too early for the training now so generally provided for young people; yet in the discharge of her personal obligations to her God, she was faithful and prayerful, as well as willing and ready to help forward almost every good work. She was sincerely beloved by all who knew her. A few years before her death, she retired from business. She needed a period of rest in her advanced years. Her death took place at 286 Sandusky Street, Allegheny, October 24, 1889, when almost seventy-three years of age.

The funeral services were conducted by Dr. W. J. Robinson, at the private family residence, when her mortal remains were solemnly deposited in their final resting place in the Union

Dale Cemetery, of Allegheny. She was a faithful member of the First United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny.

"Age hath no chill,
When the fresh fountain of true charity
Runs with free course. The cheek may take a tinge
From blighting time, but the full nourished heart
Weareth no wrinkle."

5. MARGARET GIVEN. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, December 5, 1818. Her removal to this country took place in 1843. Since that time her home has been in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. For quite a number of years she assisted in the dressmaking business in connection with careful attention to household duties. She is remarkable for her intelligence, as indeed were the entire family. In earlier years she gave a good deal of attention to history and other substantial reading, and has quite an extensive knowledge of the Scriptures. Her judgment with reference to matters of importance has always been good. She is devoted to principles of right, and is not willing to deviate from them. She has taken great delight in the public services of the sanctuary, and is a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. She has for several years lived a lonely, retired, quiet life at No. 286 Sandusky Street, Allegheny, Pennsylvania—occupying the old family residence.

6. ANNIE (2) GIVEN. Born in Cullybackey, Ireland, in 1820. Her death took place when about three years of age. It should be noted that the same name, Annie, was given to two of the children, and that both died when quite young.

7. JAMES GIVEN. Born in the village of Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, February 2, 1823. He received a good common school education in Ireland, previous to his removal to this country, arriving in Allegheny City in July, 1844. A short time after this he took up educational work, privately,

under the oversight of Rev. Samuel Patterson. He entered Duquesne College, in Pittsburgh, in 1848. When that college ceased to exist, in 1849, he entered the University, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In a few months the building of this institution was destroyed by fire. This led him to enter on college work at Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio, where I first became acquainted with him and he became my classmate. He was a good student and became a thorough scholar. His graduation took place September 25, 1850.

He entered the Theological Seminary of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, in Allegheny City, the fall of 1850, taking a four years' course. He had been a close Bible student before entering the Seminary, and so the more readily kept up with his class work. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Monongahela, April 20, 1853. His ordination to the work of the ministry took place, by the same Presbytery, September 12, 1854. His first pastorate was at East and West Union, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. It was continued from September 12, 1854, to September 22, 1857.

Rev. James Given was married to MISS MARGARET FRASER, in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, by Dr. James Rodgers, October 31, 1854. She was a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Pringle) Fraser, and was born in Clackmannanshire, Scotland, April 26, 1831. Her parents were both born in Edinburgh, Scotland. Her father was a Schoolmaster, in a school endowed by the Bruces of Kennet. The lady patroness of the school was a devoted Christian woman, and so Mr. Fraser suited her quite well in that respect. Mrs. Fraser also assisted in the work of the school. They were both earnest Christians. Many things in their early lives are said to have been very interesting. When the disruption of the Church of Scotland took place in 1843, Mr. Fraser earnestly sided with the movement for the Free Church. This was displeasing to the



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Bruces, and so he gave up his position and emigrated to this country with his family, in 1844—locating in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. His death took place September 19, 1855. He was a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, formerly an Associate Presbyterian Church under the care of Rev. James Rodgers, D. D. Mrs. Fraser was a member of the same church, and died in 1874, when seventy years of age. She was an excellent Christian woman.

The education of Mrs. Margaret Given was well advanced when she left Scotland. It was completed in the Fourth Ward Public Schools of Allegheny and by private study, after her arrival in this country. In this way she became well qualified to fill the positions to which she was elected, as teacher in Allegheny—four years in the Fourth Ward and one year in the Third Ward, previous to her marriage. These places were filled faithfully, and she gave good satisfaction.

Mrs. Given was very fond of reading, devouring everything that came in her way in the shape of literature. She sometimes wrote brief articles for the papers—both secular and religious. With respect to her Christian life she had the advantage of careful and prayerful parental training, associated with a good example. She does not remember the time that she did not love and fear God and trust in Jesus. She was delighted, too, in having something to do for the Master. When only a mere child in Scotland, she assisted her father in the village Sabbath-school, and collected funds for the Bible and Missionary Societies. In Allegheny she taught in the Sabbath-school of her pastor's Church, and fruits of her labor, in time, became apparent. Since her marriage in 1854 she has been a faithful helper to her husband, an almost constant teacher in the Sabbath-school, and a Christian worker in a great variety of ways. She has always heartily espoused the cause of temperance, and has been specially interested in the different enterprises of the church.

The interests of her children have constantly had a prominent place in her mind and heart. They have received her most careful and prayerful attention; and now she feels in her advanced years, that she can be truly thankful to the Lord, that he has called them by his grace and given them a name and place in his church. She is possessed of true kindness of heart, and has been a devoted Christian wife and mother. She still lives as a wise counselor and companion, in the truest sense, to cheer and bless her home. May her children ever be ready to say cheerfully and heartily,

“Mother! I’ll keep these precepts in my heart,
And do thy bidding.”

The labors of Rev. Given at East and West Union were attended, in many respects, with encouraging results. When his work in these places had drawn to a close, he preached in several vacancies, in different parts of the church, until a call was made out in due form, for his services at Puckety and Logan’s Ferry, in the bounds of the Presbytery of Westmoreland. This call was accepted. His work in this new field commenced June 21, 1859, and continued until April 8, 1873. Brother Given was one, in his ministerial life, of whom it could be truly said, “Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;” and, as might be expected, his labor of love was not in vain. Mr. Given was intensely patriotic, showing his faith by his works. Accordingly, in 1864, at the time of General Lee’s invasion of Pennsylvania, he spent several weeks as a soldier in the state militia, and aided in the capture of General Morgan in Ohio. He was also six weeks in the service of the Christian Commission, at Louisville, Kentucky.

On his release from his charge at Puckety and Logan’s Ferry, Mr. Given spent considerable time in “supply” work in different parts of the church. Finally, on October 16, 1876, he settled again, as pastor of Richmond, Susquehanna and Oak-

land, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, in the Presbytery of Brookville. To this already laborious charge, Plum Creek was added in 1879, and Oakland was dropped in 1882. Accordingly, at this date, 1898, he is pastor of Plum Creek, Susquehanna and Richmond. He is a preacher of more than ordinary ability, and faithful in pastoral work, as the people over whom he has had charge will cheerfully testify. He has had a robust, vigorous constitution, and although now in his seventy-fifth year, still gives close attention to his work, and very seldom fails to be on hand for his regular Sabbath services, notwithstanding long distances to ride, for part of his work, by private conveyance, and sometimes in very rough weather. In June, 1891, Mr. Given met with a serious loss in having his house consumed by fire. The fire having made considerable headway before it was discovered, many of his most valuable papers and much of his household goods were destroyed by the flames. He lives near the church, at Richmond—his post-office address being Rochester Mills, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Given has been blessed with six interesting children, as follows:

(1). WILLIAM ALEXANDER. His birth took place April 19, 1856, near Bakerstown, in Butler County, Pennsylvania. His early life was spent on his father's farm, near Parnassus, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He received only the scanty education a country school affords, except one year in the Public Schools of Allegheny, and private instruction in Latin, mathematics and other branches at home. He left home at the age of eighteen and began business in the wholesale dry goods house of Joseph Horne & Company, Pittsburgh, one of the largest and most reliable concerns in western Pennsylvania. Here he received continual advancement until the highest position in the office was attained, chief accountant and credit-man. This position he continued to hold with this firm until the busi-

ness was incorporated as "The Pittsburgh Dry Goods Company," with a paid-up capital of \$600,000, in 1893. He then became one of the incorporators and a stockholder in the new concern, and was elected a Director and also Secretary of the Company. On the recent retirement of Mr. C. B. Shea, who for many years was the financial manager of the firm of Joseph Horne and Company, he was elected to the dual office of Secretary and Treasurer. He has been in the service of the two houses continuously for more than twenty years. Mr. Given is a director of the Public Schools of Wilkinsburg, where he has resided for more than ten years. He is also a ruling elder in the First United Presbyterian Church of that place.

He was united in marriage December 22, 1881, to Miss JENNIE NEVIN, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, D. D. assisted by the groom's father, Rev. James Given, and the bride's brother-in-law, Rev. J. M. Witherspoon. She was the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Boyd) Nevin, and was born near Harmony, Butler County, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1861. Her parents were of Scotch-Irish descent, but were both natives of this country. Her father was engaged in farming, until his removal to Allegheny to obtain better educational facilities for his family.

Mrs. Given was the youngest of six children. She was educated in the Public Schools of Allegheny and in the Pittsburgh Female College. There was fine musical talent in her family; two of her brothers held positions as leaders of choirs in the city churches for years, and one is a prominent soloist in oratorio and classical music. Mrs. Given is the happy possessor of a fair share of the musical gift. She and her husband have both been helpful from early years, in conducting the praise service of the sanctuary. Their assistance in this direction is still in demand and as cheerfully rendered. They are

both deeply interested in the work of the church, and are not sparing either in time or means to assist in carrying it on. Their home is in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. They have two children, both born at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

FLORENCE. Born July 24, 1889. She gives early promise of possessing the musical talent of her parents.

WILLIAM NEVIN. Born June 23, 1895, and is a fine, healthy child, very dear to the hearts of his parents.

(2). MARGARET PRINGLE GIVEN. Born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1858. In addition to a good Public School education in Allegheny City, she took a regular course of study in the State Normal, at Indiana, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1882. Her school work was thorough, and has been found a great help to her in later years. Before entering the State Normal, she taught several school terms in country districts. She has taught ever since she graduated without interruption in the Third Ward Public School of Allegheny, and with good success, giving satisfaction to her employers. She has been faithful as a Sabbath-school teacher and in other church work in the Second United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny. Her desire is to be helpful in building up the Redeemer's Kingdom on the earth, and she is always ready to do her part. Her home, when teaching, has been with her aunt, Margaret Given, No. 286 Sandusky Street, Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

(3). MARY AGNES GIVEN. She was born at Puckety, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, January 10, 1861. Her education was obtained in the Public Schools of Allegheny and in the State Normal, at Indiana, Pennsylvania. Her experience in teaching was limited to one term in the country. She was married to Cyrus Elmer Work, by her father, Rev. James Given, July 21, 1887. Her husband was born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, May 25, 1859. By his father's side he is of Scotch-Irish descent—his great-grandfather coming from

the north of Ireland. On his mother's side he is part Irish and part Dutch—his grandmother's name being VanHorn. His great-grandfather on the same side of the house fought in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Work's father died in the United States Army in the time of the Civil War. Accordingly, the son was educated at the Dayton Soldiers' Orphan School, in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. He is a farmer by trade, and lives near Rochester Mills, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. They are both active members of the United Presbyterian Church and firmly attached to her principles. They have one child.

ALBERTA FLOY. Born near Rochester Mills, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1890.

(4). **ANNIE FRASER GIVEN.** Born at Puckety, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1864. After attending Public Schools for some length of time in Allegheny, she entered the State Normal, at Indiana, Pennsylvania, and graduated with credit to herself in July, 1885. After the completion of her education she taught school for a short time at DuBois. The way having opened up in the good providence of God, after serious and prayerful consideration, she came to the decision to engage in the foreign mission work of the United Presbyterian Church, in far-off India. When due preparation had been made, she started for what she hoped to be her life work, in September, 1886. When she reached her field of labor she was located at Jhelum, a city of about 20,000 inhabitants, on the Jhelum River. After a year spent in the study of the Hindustani language, she was given charge of all the work for women throughout the city and district. The most of her time was given to school work. She took a deep interest in the heathen children, doing all she could to make their childhood as bright as possible, and especially to teach them the love of the Saviour. In 1889 she was relieved of much of her responsibility by the return of her

predecessor from America. That winter they made a tour over the district, riding on horseback and sleeping in a tent at night, thus visiting most of the important towns and villages in the district. In the spring, at Jhelum, she had a five weeks siege with an attack of fever, from which it took her nearly all summer to recruit. She was under the care of a lady physician, Dr. Johnson, and thus had the benefit of wise, judicious treatment. She was ordered home to America at the time, but prevailed on her physician to allow her to remain a while longer.

In the spring of 1891, she was appointed at the annual meeting of the missionaries to work among the native Christians of the Sialkot District. These Christians are mostly from the lowest class of the people, and they are so numerous that it is very hard to keep them supplied with teachers. In speaking of the work in this new field, Miss Given says, "I remember this period of my mission life as especially delightful. The work was such an important one, and results more apparent here, than in work among the heathen." Although the work was chiefly among Christian women, yet it was not entirely confined to them. The learned language of India is Urdu or Hindustani, but each Province has its own language, and that of this mission field is Punjabi. The most of the Christians understand only this language.

After a year and a half of work in this field she was compelled, by the state of her health, and by order of her physician, to give up future effort and prepare to return to her native land. She deeply regretted the necessity for thus leaving the work of her Master, and was grieved at the thought of leaving her sister, Mrs. W. T. Anderson, who had so recently come to India. But only a few weeks after it had been decided that she must leave the Mission, she witnessed the happy departure of her sister for a better country than even her native land, looking forward to the time and place,

“Where in blest re-union each to each, God shall restore,
Henceforth to know no parting pang—Forever more.”

She left Calcutta on the 18th of March, 1893, and arrived at the home of her parents June 17th following, a little less than seven years from the time of her departure for the mission field. Her health has since improved somewhat, but with all the care and kind attentions of a loving, sympathetic home, her health is not likely to become such as to justify the hope that she will soon, if ever, be able to return to the mission work. She may truly feel that “she has done what she could,” and would be pleased to do a great deal more, but the Lord’s will appears to be otherwise. The *time* of work may be brief, while the *results* may be far-reaching. Her home is with her parents at Rochester Mills, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

(5). HUGH FRASER GIVEN. Born at Puckety, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1866. After due attention to educational work at the country Public Schools, Mr. Given spent three school terms in Elder’s Ridge Academy, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. He then entered Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and, after four years of close application to study, he graduated June 24, 1891. Having chosen the ministry as his life-work, in the fall of the same year he entered the Theological Seminary of the United Presbyterian Church, in Allegheny, continuing until completing the full course of study. His graduation from the Seminary took place April 26, 1894. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Brookville, Pennsylvania, in June, 1893. As usual for young men, he preached for a time in vacant congregations in different parts of the church. While thus laboring in the bounds of the Presbytery of Boston, Massachusetts, he had for a time charge of the Second United Presbyterian Church of Providence, Rhode Island. A call to become settled pastor of this congregation was, after a brief period, made out for him,

and without much delay accepted. He was ordained to the work of the ministry and installed as pastor by the Presbytery of Boston, November 14, 1894.

Rev. Hugh F. Given was married to MISS JENNIE MURRAY ANDERSON, at Martin, Michigan, June 25, 1896. She is the daughter of Arthur and Annie (Robertson) Anderson. Her parents were both born in Scotland. Mrs. Given was born at Martin, Allegan County, Michigan, April 24, 1873. Her higher education was obtained in the Martin Public Schools, from which she graduated. She spent five years of her life at Shelbyville, Michigan, and three years at Martin. She has also been a capable and devoted teacher in Sabbath-schools, both in Martin, Michigan, and, since her marriage, in Providence, Rhode Island. She is very much interested and quite active in church work.

Mr. Given took up the work in the Second Church of Providence, Rhode Island, in 1894, in its early stage. He commenced with only thirty-nine members, an enrollment of seventy in the Sabbath-school, and without a church-building. At this date, 1898, the congregation numbers one hundred and nine, the Sabbath-school has increased to one hundred and sixty, and they occupy a neat, comfortable, new house of worship. He has done faithful work, is deeply interested in it, and has been blessed with good success. He has great reason therefore to thank God and take courage. He lives at No. 606 Smith Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

(6). JANE ELIZABETH GIVEN. She was born at Puckety, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1868. Her primary education was obtained principally at the country school near her home. She also attended several terms at the State Normal, at Indiana, Pennsylvania, where she took up advanced educational work. She early displayed special talent for music, and embraced the opportunity afforded her of obtain-

ing a good musical education. She taught for several years in the Sabbath-school of her father's church, taking also a great interest in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union movement, and in church work.

On July 23, 1891, she was married to REV. WILLIAM T. ANDERSON, who was already under appointment to the foreign mission field, sailing with him for India in the following October. Mr. Anderson was born in March, 1861. He was one of a large family, having a large connection in Western Pennsylvania. After leaving the common school he took up educational work at Elder's Ridge Academy. To assist himself in obtaining an education he taught Public School for several terms, graduating finally at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. After a three years' course, he graduated from the Allegheny Theological Seminary in the spring of 1891, and shortly afterward he was appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church to the work in India. Having been already licensed to preach, he was ordained by the Presbytery of Conemaugh, September 9, 1891, before his departure for the foreign field.

After reaching India, Mrs. Anderson displayed great enthusiasm in preparing herself for the work among the natives, acquiring the language with remarkable rapidity. But her career as a missionary was cut short. Never very strong in body, she early fell a victim to one of the terrible diseases of India, and died in Dharmasala, a station in the Himalaya Mountains, October 3, 1892, after being just ten months in the country. Her life, though short, was not without fruit. Many were greatly helped by her influence to rise higher in spiritual things, and some were brought to the Lord through her beautiful life, and her happy, triumphant death. Throughout life she was characterized by beauty of person, sweetness of disposition, and deep piety. "*Our lives are songs; God writes the words.*"

“We must write the music, whatever the song,
Whatever its rhyme or meter;
And if it is sad, we can make it glad,
Or if sweet, we can make it sweeter.”

Rev. W. S. Anderson is still in the foreign field, and is reported as doing faithful and successful work for the Master. His address is Zaffarwal, Punjab, India.

8. JOHN GIVEN. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, December 3, 1824. He was educated in the Public Schools of his native land. He came to this country in 1843, in company with his sisters—Jane and Margaret, locating in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. Soon after his arrival he commenced to learn his life-work—the making of patterns in connection with engine building. For this business he seems to have special tact, and by careful attention to his business, has acquired great skill. He is still able to keep regularly at his work, although he has passed beyond his three score and ten years. He made the first large locomotive cylinder pattern ever made in Pittsburgh, or west of the Allegheny Mountains.

He was married to MISS MARTHA MAGILL by his brother, Rev. James Given, near East Union, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, September 23, 1858. She was born at Rural Ridge, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, April 11, 1836, and was the daughter of John and Sarah (Ross) Magill. Mr. Magill was a farmer at the above named place. She was a kind, affectionate wife, and a thoughtful, attentive, sympathetic mother. Hence her children will ever hold her tenderly and lovingly in remembrance. Her prominent traits of character may well be referred to as *gentleness, patience, and unswerving faith in God and his promises.* Quite a number of years after her marriage her health gave way, and her death followed in May 20, 1877, when only a little over forty-one years of age. She was buried in Union Dale Cemetery, Allegheny, Pennsylvania. A beautiful pink-

colored Scotch granite stone marks her grave. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Given in this marriage.

(1). JOHN MAGILL GIVEN. Born at Rural Ridge, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1859. He received a good education in the Public Schools of Allegheny and Pittsburgh. Ever since his school work closed he has been engaged in the dry-goods business; first being employed in a retail store in Pittsburgh, afterwards in the wholesale house of Arbuthnot, Shannon & Company, and William T. Shannon & Son. For more than eight years he has been in the dry-goods commission business, at Pittsburgh, with branch offices in New York and Chicago. He is connected with several textile manufacturing plants, and the product of these concerns, together with that of others, are sold by the house bearing his name.

He was married to MISS ANNA MYRTLE BONBRIGHT, at Des Moines, Iowa, September 7, 1887. She was born at Bellaire, Ohio, April 19, 1864, and is the daughter of John S. and Elizabeth (Stone) Bonbright. Her parents are both of American birth, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Bonbright is in the wholesale carriage and farm implement business, at Des Moines, Iowa. The Bonbrights originally came from France. They are Presbyterians.

Mrs. Given was educated at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois. She is a musician of marked ability. She is quite domestic in her habits, and is a devoted mother to her children. Being of a bright, cheerful disposition, with gentle speech, she has many greatly endeared friends. They are both active members of the First United Presbyterian Church, of Verona, Pennsylvania. They have a pleasant, Christian home at Oakmont, Pennsylvania. Four children have been given in their home and entrusted to their care.

ELIZABETH HUSSEY. Born at Glenshaw, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1888.



JOHN M. GIVEN.

JOHN BONBRIGHT. His birth took place at Oakmont, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1890.

KENNETH MAGILL. Born at Oakmont, Pennsylvania, December 4, 1892.

SARAH IRENE. Born at Oakmont, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1896.

(2). WILLIAM KENNEDY GIVEN. Born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, on Esplanade Street, March 10, 1862. His education was obtained in the Public Schools of Allegheny and Pittsburgh, with an additional year in the Pittsburgh High School. He commenced his business life in 1878. He was one year with the P. C. C. & St. Louis Railway Company in the freight office; then one year in the office of George S. Lacy's planing-mill. From then until the present he has been with the Keystone Bridge Works, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in general office work.

He was married to Miss ANNA ADAMS, a teacher in the Seventeenth Ward Public Schools of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 21, 1888, by Rev. J. D. Sands. She is the daughter of David and Eliza (McMahon) Adams, and was born in Cochranton, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1861. Her father was also born in Cochranton, where his death took place October 31, 1880. Her mother was born in Bangor, County Down, Ireland. Their family consisted of seven children.

Mrs. Given's education was obtained at the Cochranton Academy and Edinboro State Normal School. They are both active members of the First United Presbyterian Church of Verona, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, where they have a comfortable, pleasant home. One child, a daughter, has been born to them.

MARION. Born at Oakmont, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1892.

(3). SARAH ELLEN GIVEN. Born on Esplanade Street, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1864. She obtained her education in the Public Schools of Pittsburgh, and in the High School, from which she graduated in June, 1882. She also pursued a course of study in the Pittsburgh School of Design—graduating in January, 1886.

She was married to Rev. JAMES DAVIDSON SANDS, pastor of the Seventh United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1887—Rev. S. R. Frazier officiating. Mr. Sands was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, February 16, 1853, and is the son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Davidson) Sands. His parents came to this country from the Province of Ulster, Ireland, in childhood—about the year 1815, locating in Pittsburgh, and then in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. They had six children—four sons and two daughters. Mr. Sands pursued his collegiate education at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, where he graduated in June, 1872. He took a regular theological course of study in the United Presbyterian Seminary of Allegheny, from which he graduated in March, 1876. On March 30, 1875, he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Monongahela. The Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of 1876 appointed him to take charge of the church in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he remained until the first of October following, when he accepted a call from the congregation at Beaver, Pennsylvania. His ordination and installation took place by the Presbytery of Beaver Valley, December 19, 1876. He at once took charge of the work in this new field and his labors were attended with good results. The relation was dissolved by his Presbytery February 24, 1880, to accept a call to become the pastor of the Seventh United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He entered on his new work in this field March 1, 1880, and has continued as its pastor up to the present—a period now of

over seventeen years. Mr. Sands has given close and careful attention to his ministerial work from the first, and his labors have been owned by the Master and largely blessed. The following is from the *United Presbyterian*, published some years ago.

“Mr. Sands is naturally a man of business, and he has the qualities which would make him a success in secular affairs. He has taken an active part in the management of the Board of Publication, and has showed himself an important factor in its plans. His business methods can be seen in the pulpit and in the administration of congregational affairs. His straightforward way of putting gospel truth is such as an earnest layman would use in pressing the claims of an important enterprise, to bring his congregation into as complete working order as a business firm. His brethren show the esteem in which they hold him by electing him again and again to the office of stated clerk of the Presbytery.”

A co-presbyter makes these statements with reference to the man and his work.

“Mr. Sands is a man who seems to those who do not know him to be rather severe and austere in his manners. His countenance appears at times almost forbidding, and does not attract strangers. And yet this cloudy countenance hides a bright, sunshiny heart. He has a keen sense of the ludicrous, and his fine black eyes often sparkle with humor. He is a man of strong mind and more than ordinary executive ability. He was dedicated to the work of the ministry in his childhood by a loving Christian mother, is very much devoted to his work, and feels like the Apostle, that ‘Woe is unto him if he preach not the gospel.’ He is thoroughly in earnest in his work, both as preacher and pastor. The Seventh Church was deeply in debt when he took charge of it, and he has been very successful in raising money for the liquidation of the same. There has also been a large increase in the membership. His work in this city has been very successful.”

Rev. Sands was first married to MISS ELLA C. STRATTON, December 10, 1878. Her death took place August 11, 1882. One child, HELEN, was born to them in Beaver, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1879. She is engaged in the pursuit of an education in the Public Schools of Pittsburgh. His marriage to SARAH ELLEN GIVEN took place at her father's home in Pittsburgh, 227 Fisk Street, July 27, 1887. Two children have been born to them.

HAROLD GIVEN. Born May 21, 1888, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

MARTHA JOSEPHINE. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1890.

Rev. Sands resides at No. 4309 Lawrence Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

(4). MARGARET GIVEN. Born in Manchester, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1867. Her education was obtained in the Public Schools of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in the High School of the same city for a period of two years. She also attended the Musical Department of Pittsburgh Academy and Curry University. She thus has received a good musical education. In fact, in this direction, special talent has been developed. For more than five years she has been a member of "The Mozart Singing Club," of Pittsburgh, which holds its weekly meetings in the Old City Hall. In 1887-8 she was a teacher in the Eighteenth Ward Public Schools. Since that date she has been in the employ of her brother, John M. Given, as typewriter and bookkeeper, at the Renshaw Building, in Pittsburgh. She is a devoted Christian woman, a member of the Seventh United Presbyterian Church, a teacher in the Sabbath-school, and a leader of Junior work. She makes her home with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Sands, at No. 4309 Lawrence Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

(5). JAMES ALBERT. Born in Manchester, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1871. His existence on earth was very brief, his

death taking place February 13, 1873. He passed away from earth to develop more rapidly, and in a higher sphere—no longer seeing things “through a glass, darkly, but face to face.”

John Given was married a second time, to MISS HANNAH FIFE, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1884. She is the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (McCoy) Fife, and was born at Salineville, Columbiana County, Ohio, March 10, 1837. She was of Scottish ancestry. Her parents at an early day moved to Ohio and located in what was known as “The Scotch Settlement,” near Wellsville. Her father was a farmer, owning two large farms; but, after some years, he sold out and moved to Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Given is a cousin of the Rev. Elmer E. Fife, formerly a missionary of the United Presbyterian Church in India, but latterly engaged in home mission work in the West. In her earlier years she was a faithful church worker, especially in the Sabbath-school. While she has dropped out of the latter, she still takes a deep interest in her Master’s cause and the Church’s Missions. She is very attentive to household duties.

Mr. Given was elected an elder by the United Presbyterian Church of Manchester, Pennsylvania, in 1864. The office was accepted, and the same position is now held by him in the Seventh United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh. He is faithful in attendance on meetings of session, visiting the sick, and in looking after the spiritual welfare of others, whether in or outside of the church. He has always been ready to take hold and do his part in every good work the church may have proposed. He has strong convictions on religious subjects, and does not readily yield them. In disposition he is kind and sympathetic. He maintains a vigorous old age. Though in his seventy-third year, he is still able to do with exactness and skill the finest kind of work in his line of business—that of a pattern-maker. His home is at No. 227 Fisk street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

9. NANCY GIVEN. Her birth took place at Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, December 23, 1826. She was educated in the Public Schools of her native land—Ireland. She came to this country with her father's family in 1844, locating in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where she has ever since made her home. In disposition she was cheerful and lively, though, like others, she had times of depression. She faithfully performed her part in home, household duties, and assisted her sister Jane in the dressmaking business until her marriage with JOHN RAY in March, 1873. The ceremony was performed by her brother, Rev. James Given, assisted by Dr. W. J. Robinson.

Mr. Ray was born in County Down, Ireland. He was quite successful as a bricklayer, in business, making a competence for a comfortable home. Their married life appeared to be a very happy one—a pleasant, model Christian home.

“If ye will be happy in marriage,
Confide, love, and be patient; be faithful, firm, and holy.”

They were both members of the First United Presbyterian Church, Allegheny. Mrs. Ray took hold of church work very earnestly and faithfully, as opportunities opened up from time to time, and these were neither few nor far between. She was liberal in her contributions for the poor and the cause of Christ. But her death took place quite suddenly and unexpectedly, from the effects of that disease so fatal to the Given family—in recent years, pneumonia—February 22, 1889. In due time, after suitable religious services, her interment took place in the Union Dale Cemetery, of Allegheny.

After the death of his wife Mr. Ray made his home with his sister, Mrs. Janet Brown. His life, after the loss he had sustained, was a very lonely one; especially as he was not engaged in business, was well up in years, and not in vigorous health. He did not long survive the dear departed one, his death taking place in July, 1892. His body was laid to rest by

the side of his wife, in Union Dale Cemetery, Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

10. ELEANOR KERR GIVEN, the youngest of the family, was born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, August 2, 1830. As she in after years became the wife of the writer, her history will be given later on in connection with that of her husband, Rev. S. F. Thompson, and family.

III. JOHN GIVEN, the youngest brother, was born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1783. Of his earlier years I have no information. He was married to MISS ANNIE TELFORD, of Dreentown, Ireland. She was the daughter of John and Eliza (Arthurs) Telford, and was born in February, 1773. She was the oldest daughter of her father's family—ten years older than her husband, yet she lived a little over twenty-six years longer than he did. Mr. Given kept a grocery store in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, where all their children were born. His death took place February 4, 1848. The family had their church membership in the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. Six children were born to them—two sons and four daughters. I know so little about their children, except one of the sons—John, that I can do but little more than give their names and state the fact that *all are dead*. Their names are as follows:

1. ELIZA ANNIE.
2. JAMES. He was in the linen business and had the reputation of being a smart business man.
3. MARY.
4. JANE. She was married in Cullybackey, to Daniel Davidson. They have two daughters, both married and live in Ballymena. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are both reported as dead.
5. JOHN GIVEN. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland. His education was pursued with the view of making

teaching his profession. He first taught in Cullybackey for a period of several years. In 1849 he was appointed as Head Master, or Principal of the National Model School, at Ballymena, Ireland. At this time his mother, and other members of the family, removed to Ballymena to be with him and take charge of his home. Mr. Given was regarded as an excellent teacher, kept up the good reputation of the school and held the position of principal for twenty-six years, when, in 1875, he resigned on account of failing health. He was public spirited, kept up with the times, and, especially in vacations, indulged in writing for various papers. He also wrote a few small pamphlets—one in poetry, entitled, "Voices from the Rostrum." A second, under the title, "Memento of an Old Disciple," written partly by himself, shortly after the death of his mother, who lived to an extreme old age. A message was sent to the Queen of England regarding Mrs. Given and her great age, after her death. Through one of her offices she sent this acknowledgement. "Thank Mr. Given for sending Mr. Moore's discourse on Mrs. Given's death, which her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept." Mr. Given was very kind to his mother and thoughtful of all her wants—a truly godly man, and helpful in a variety of ways in promoting the cause of his precious Saviour. His death took place at his home in Ballymena, Ireland.

6. MARGARET, the youngest of the family, died when eighteen years of age.

The death of Aunt Annie Given took place March 22, 1874, when *one hundred and one years, one month and a few days* old. She was the oldest person in all our family history, though many of them lived to a good old age. She was possessed of many excellent traits of character. Her desire for religious knowledge was great. Although a cripple, and only able to sit on a chair for forty-two years, yet she was always

cheerful, looking on the bright side of things, and there was always a great deal of sunshine in her home: so much so that it was truthfully said, “She always made home happy.” The cause of Missions lay very near her heart. She had strong religious convictions, and unwavering faith in Christ. She was at peace with God, and so her mind was at rest. She was beloved by all who knew her, contented and happy with her lot, though confined to her room for long, tedious years. Her days on earth were wonderfully lengthened out, spared as she was to outlive at least three generations, and her faculties of mind continuing bright until the very last. How true in her case the language of the inspired Psalm :

“They shall still bring forth fruit in old age,
They shall be fat and flourishing.”

On her coffin lid were inscribed the beautiful words, “*I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.*” Thus passed away from earth this grand “old disciple,”

“To gaze upon the Savior’s face,
And taste of bliss divine.”

IV. MARGARET GIVEN. She was born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, in or about the year 1772. She was married to JAMES ARTHURS, in Cullybackey, near which for a few years after her marriage, she had her home. In or near the year 1800, the family came to this country and located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was a carpenter by trade. He was born in 1762. His death took place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1826, aged sixty-four. The family were members of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They lived on the Monongahela River, about two miles up from Pittsburgh—now within the city limits. Her death took place May 23, 1855, when eighty-three years of age. Seven children were born to them, five sons and two daughters.

1. JOHN ARTHURS. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, in or about the year 1791. When a mere boy he was brought to this country, with his home at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Arthurs carried on the foundry business and machine shop at the Point, in Pittsburgh, in company with John Warden, for many years. He was also among the first to take up the building of steamboats for use on the rivers. He was at one time elected a member of the State Legislature, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He accumulated quite a fortune, and retired from business a good many years before his death. When nearly seventy years of age he entered the marriage relation with Miss Jennie Clark, of Beaver, Pennsylvania. His experience of such protracted single life did not commend itself even to himself, and so he did not advise young men to follow his example. In fact he recommended the very opposite. After his marriage he built a fine residence in Pittsburgh, which he occupied as his home up to the time of his death. His death took place in or about the year 1875, when about eighty-four years of age. He was buried in the Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where a costly granite monument has since been erected to his memory. They were both members of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.

2. ROBERT ARTHURS. He was born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, in or near the year 1793. He was brought to this country when an infant. He engaged in business, in due time, in the woolen-factory with his brother James. He was married to Miss Irwin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyle Irwin. Five children were born to them.

3. JAMES ARTHURS. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, in or about the year 1795. He and his brother Robert carried on a woolen-factory, after their father's death, for a great many years. He never married. His death took place June 10, 1855, when sixty years of age.

- (1). ANNIE. Died August, 1897.
- (2). MARGARET.
- (3). JANE.
- (4). CAROLINE.
- (5). BELL.

The latter is married to Mr. Kuhn, of the legal profession. The residence of the single daughters is on Home Street, East End, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Arthurs have been dead for several years.

4. JOSEPH ARTHURS. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Did not marry. Nothing further is known about him, except that he is dead.

5. WILLIAM ARTHURS. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1797. He was married and had two children. He died February 24, 1839, at the age of forty-two. JAMES G., the oldest son, died December 5, 1855, aged twenty-six. SAMUEL died in the summer of 1897, when sixty-six years of age.

6. ELIZA ARTHURS. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was married to a cousin, JOHN TELFORD. He was the son of Uncle John and Aunt Mary Telford, and was born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland. Some time after his father's death he came to this country with his mother and family. They located in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer. He lived the latter part of his life in Vineland, New Jersey. They had but one child—Mary. The whole family have passed away from earth. Mr. and Mrs. Telford were members of the Presbyterian Church.

7. MARY ANNE. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1800. Her death took place December 27, 1829, aged twenty-nine years.

V. JANE GIVEN. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, in or near the year 1775. She was married at the

home of her birth, in Cullybackey, to Matthew Harper. They removed to this country at an early day, in or about the year 1800, locating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Some years after their arrival they both were taken down with fever of some kind, and their deaths occurred within a week of each other. They are known to have had at least two children.

1. MARY. Kept house for some time for her brother James.

2. JAMES. After the death of their parents they appear to have had a home for a time with their uncle, James Arthurs. The son for some years worked in Robert Arthurs' woolen-factory—perhaps until it was burned down. But little of the history of this family is known.

VI. MARY ANNE GIVEN. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1787. She was the youngest daughter. She was married to JAMES KINNEAR in or about 1809. He was born near Cullybackey, Ireland, in 1776. He was a farmer, and also engaged in the linen business, weaving and bleaching for the markets. He joined the Covenanter Church when quite young, and was an elder of the Cullybackey congregation for many years, where they both lived and died. Her death took place April 27, 1829, when forty-two years of age, shortly after the birth of her youngest daughter, Eliza. Nine children were born to them—all born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland.

1. MARY ANN. Born in 1810. Died when seven years old.

2. ALEXANDER. Born in 1812. He followed the linen business. He died March 22, 1891, when about seventy-nine years of age.

3. JANE. Born in 1814. She was married to James Bradshaw. He was in the grocery business. Six children were born to them, five girls and one boy. Three of the children are dead. Three of the daughters still survive. She died in

1845—aged thirty-one.

4. JAMES. Born in or about the year 1816. He was married, and is the only son of his father's family entering the marriage relation. Four children were born to them; two sons and two daughters. Two deaths have occurred. One son, JAMES, is an accountant in Belfast. The living daughter, MAY, is married to John McCammon. He is a designer. They have one child—a boy named WILLIAM.

Mr. Kinnear was in the linen business in Belfast, Ireland, where he died in October, 1891—aged seventy-five years. The whole James Kinnear family are, or have been, Unitarians.

5. WILLIAM JOHN. Born in 1819, or near that date. He was a linen manufacturer. His death took place at Cullybackey, Ireland, when a young man, aged twenty-five, March 9, 1844.

“ But thou hast all times for *thine own*, O Death ! ”

6. ROBERT. Born in 1822. He was in the linen trade in Cullybackey, Ireland, when he died, April 27, 1858. He was thirty-six years of age and a member of the Covenanter, or Reformed Presbyterian Church.

7. JOSEPH. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1824. He came to this country in company with his sister Mary Ann, in 1848, locating in St. Louis, Missouri. He was engaged in several kinds of business as necessity demanded and the way opened up. He made his home with a relative—a Mr. McBurney. He was an active member and an elder in the First United Presbyterian Church of St. Louis. His death occurred in St. Louis, in July, 1891,—aged sixty-seven years. His life plainly indicated him as an upright, conscientious, godly man.

8. MARY ANN, (second). Two persons were so named in the family. She was born after the death of the first. Her

birth took place in 1826 or 7. She came to this country from Cullybackey, Ireland, with her brother Joseph, in 1848. She made her home for some time in St. Louis, Missouri, taking up the employment of a skilled nurse. She spent some time also in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. In time she was married to WILLIAM WISE, who was a farmer. One child was born to them. It died when about ten months old. The mother died a few months later, and the father followed in about a year after the death of his wife. Thus within a few months the whole family passed away from earth. They were Covenanters.

9. ELIZA. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, April 27, 1829, and was the youngest member of the family. She was married to REV. WILLIAM CLOSE in September, 1851. He was born in Portglenone, Ireland, January 17, 1822. His father was an elder in the Covenanter Church, at Cullybackey.

Mr. Close obtained his undergraduate course of education at Belfast College. He studied Theology under Dr. Symington at Paisley, and at Edinburgh, under Drs. Chalmers, Welch and Duncan. He was ordained at Loughmome, November 7, 1848, as successor to Rev. Dr. Paul, who had been the pastor of the congregation for forty-two years.

They have become the happy parents of seven children—all born at Carrickfergus, County Antrim, Ireland. One, a daughter, died in infancy.

1. JAMES ALEXANDER. Born in August, 1852. He removed to Toronto, Canada, in 1875, engaging in the Real Estate business. He was married to Miss Isabel Benson, in 1877.

2. WILLIAM PATRICK. Born October 25, 1854. He was married to Clara H. Lough in June, 1887. He was for a number of years secretary in a Belfast, Ireland, Bank; but at his brother's request, joined him in business in Toronto, Canada, in the spring of 1879.

3. MARY. Born in July, 1858. She is still at home and has charge of household duties, her mother not being in vigorous health.

4. JOSEPH KINNEAR. Born December 22, 1862. He is a surgeon in the Indian medical service; has been in India about nine years. He was married to Miss Laura Johnson, and has one daughter—EDITH.

5. ROBERT. He was born in October, 1864. He is in the employ of The Belfast Bank, Belfast, Ireland.

6. ELIZA KINNEAR (BESSIE). She was born in September, 1870. She lives at home with her parents.

The branch of the Covenanter Church with which Rev. Close was connected, had been for some time in negotiation for a union with the General Assembly Presbyterian Church, of Ireland. This effort having failed by a close vote in 1892, and being heartily in favor of the movement, Mr. Close and his congregation, at the earliest opportunity thereafter, joined the General Assembly Presbyterian Church. The congregation consists of about eighty families. The numerical strength of the congregation has not changed much under his ministry; the accessions being generally counterbalanced by the removals to towns and by emigration. Ministers are not so much disposed to change in Ireland as in this country, and so the ministry of brother Close is likely to close, where it began; at Carrickfergus, County Antrim, Ireland.

The Telford Family.

The Telford family occupies a prominent place in the history, through my wife's mother—MARGARET TELFORD. She was the daughter of JOHN TELFORD, a farmer at Dreentown, Ireland. He was born in 1746, and lived to be ninety-one years of age. His death took place September 17, 1837. He was married to ELIZA ARTHURS. Of his father,—our great-

grandfather TELFORD, nothing is known except the place of his probable birth and residence, Craigs, Ireland. He was married to JANE DIXON, our great-grandmother. She was born in 1722, and died December 29, 1806, aged eighty-four.

Jane Dixon's father, and our great-great-grandfather, JOSEPH DIXON, of Dublin, Ireland, fought at the "Siege of Derry," and was a grenadier in the army of William III, at the battle of the Boyne, in 1690. He also fought as an Enniskillen dragoon at the battle of Aughrim, July 12, 1691. His life is said to have been saved at one time by a horse-shoe being twisted into his hair. He lived the latter part of his life at Cullybackey, to the great age of ninety-three. He died very suddenly, on the highway between Cullybackey and Craigs, Ireland.

This is the farthest back I have been able to trace any of our ancestors. There is one thing quite noticeable in the Telford family—the large number of long lives of its members. A good many lived beyond eighty, and several even much beyond ninety, the most of them, too, good, substantial, upright, godly people.

We now turn to Mother (TELFORD) GIVEN's mother's family—ELIZA ARTHURS; and, though we may not be able to trace it so far back, we will find it equally interesting. She was married to JOHN TELFORD in or about the year 1772. She was the daughter of Ghan Arthurs—our great-grandfather, who was a farmer at Craigs, Ireland, where she was doubtless born. His wife's maiden name is not known. Besides his daughter ELIZA, he had, at least, two sons—ALAN and JAMES. It is not known when grandmother ARTHURS was born, but her death occurred at Dreentown, Ireland, when eighty-six years of age.

HOW RELATED TO A PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The relation comes through the Given family. Mother Given's mother's name was Eliza (Arthurs) Telford. The latter

had a brother named Alan Arthurs. He was the grandfather of Chester Alan Arthur, the twenty-first President of the United States. The President's father, Rev. William Arthur, D. D., was born in the north of Ireland, graduated at Belfast College, and came to this country when eighteen years of age. He became a Baptist minister, and labored as pastor chiefly in Vermont and New York. His son, Chester Alan, was born in a log cabin, at Fairfield, Vermont, October 5, 1830. He supported himself a part of the time, while pursuing educational work, by teaching Public Schools, graduating at Union College in 1848. Soon after this he took up the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1853. During the Civil War he was quite active in various ways in promoting the interests of the country. He took an active part in the organization of the Republican party, and labored hard to advance its interests. In the fall of 1880, he ran on the ticket with James A. Garfield, for Vice-President of the United States. The ticket on which he ran being successful, on the death of President Garfield, September 19, 1881, he was on the twenty-second publicly inaugurated as President of the United States. This office he continued to hold until the close of the official term, March 4, 1885. The duties of the Presidency he discharged with credit to himself and for the best interests of the country. His death from apoplexy took place suddenly at his residence in New York, on Thursday morning, November 18, 1886.

In time some members of the Arthurs family began to drop the (s), from the name. This accounts for the changed spelling —Chester Alan Arthur. It appears, too, that the name was originally, McArthur. It may be difficult for most persons to define the relationship to President Arthur, yet it is a fact that such exists.

Families did not formerly move away to other localities, as they do now, and so we find the Given family to have been

largely at Cullybackey, Dreentown and Craigs, Ireland. We see also the persistency of their occupations, as millers, farmers and in the linen trade.

Grandparents—John and Eliza Telford.

In the JOHN and ELIZA TELFORD family there were seven children—two sons and five daughters, and all born in Dreentown, County Antrim, Ireland.

I. ANNE TELFORD. Born in 1773, and married to JOHN GIVEN. Her history will be found in connection with that of her husband.

II. MARY TELFORD. Born in 1775 or 6. She is the only one of the family who did not marry. But little is known about her. She always had her home with her parents.

III. JANE TELFORD. Born in Dreentown, Ireland, in August, 1778. She was married at the home of her parents to John Matthews. They were members of the Moravian Church, and lived at Grace Hill. I have always heard aunt spoken of in the highest terms of respect and regard, and as being a truly pious and godly woman. She and her husband seemed to have a pleasant Christian home and to enjoy religion in a high degree. I have often heard Ellen (my wife) speak of her pleasant visits with her Aunt Matthews, when a little girl. She had to be very sedate and prim in her presence, but withal she was so kind and loving that she enjoyed her visits very much, and was rather anxious to have them frequent. Thus we see that true religion may be made attractive even to the young; especially when developed in a kindly and sympathetic manner. She lived to be seventy-eight years of age, her death taking place in 1856. No children.

IV. JAMES TELFORD. Born in Dreentown, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1779 or 80. He was married to Nancy Hilton, or Hillis. He was a farmer and engaged in the linen business at Galgorm Parks, near Cullybackey. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. He held the office of ruling elder. The family stood high in the estimation of the community in which they lived. They had but one child, a son—JOHN. He was married to a Miss Dixon—a daughter of Joseph Dixon.

V. JOHN TELFORD. Born in Dreentown, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1782. He was married to MISS MARY CARSON; was a wheelwright by trade, and lived in Cullybackey, Ireland, where his death took place under the influence of that so often fatal disease, consumption. He was an upright, Christian man, an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and one who looked well to the religious interests of his family. One of his daughters, in referring to his character, says: “ My father was one of the best men I ever knew; in fact, he was one man among a thousand.”

By his death the care of the family fell largely on the shoulders of Aunt Telford. By the advice of a brother living in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, she sold her nice little home in Cullybackey, Ireland, soon after Uncle’s death, and moved to this country to be near her brother. Her death took place in 1871. Eight children had been born to them, and entrusted to their care—all born in Cullybackey, Ireland.

1. JOHN TELFORD. He was married to MISS ELIZA ARTHURS. Her father, JAMES ARTHURS, being an uncle, his history will be found with that of his wife, in the Arthurs family.

2. JAMES TELFORD. He was born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1816. He came to this country with his mother and family soon after his father’s death, locating in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He was married to Miss Sarah

Hammil, in Allegheny, in 1842. She was born in Ireland. Her death took place while she was living on a farm near Shoustown, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, when seventy-two years of age. Mr. Telford was a turner by trade, but sometimes took hold of farm work. Soon after his marriage he changed his religious connection with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and became a member of the Disciple Church with his wife. He became quite zealous in his new belief. His death took place in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1891, aged seventy-five years. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Telford—all born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

MARY, JANE, JAMES and SARAH are dead—their death taking place in Allegheny.

RACHEL and JOHN are twin children. Born August 8, 1848.

(1). RACHEL was married to Allan Cunningham. He lived at the time of his marriage in Guernsey County, Ohio. Some time after their marriage they moved to Pasadena, California, where they now reside. They are both members of the United Presbyterian Church.

(2). JOHN. Has been married for several years and has an interesting little family of four children.

MAUDE.

JAMES.

JOHN.

SARAH.

He is in the newspaper business at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, where they reside. They are both members of the Protestant Methodist Church.

3. MARY ANN TELFORD. Born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1819. She removed with her mother and family to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, after her father's death. She was married to John Charlton. He was a blacksmith by trade, and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

His death occurred about seven years after his marriage, in 1848. He left one daughter, Annie, in the care of a kind Christian mother. She entered the marriage relation with John C. Donaldson. They live in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, at No. 54 Western Avenue, and are members of the United Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Charlton has had, as she herself says, something of a "chequered life." She taught in the Public Schools of Allegheny for ten years, then spent some time as a missionary among the Freedmen, when she was called home to take care of her brother William, who was unmarried, lived in the State of New Jersey, and suffered for two and a half years with that terrible disease, cancer. During all this time he was kindly and tenderly watched over by his sister—Mrs. Charlton. She has since been deprived of the use of one of her senses—her sight. She well knew, however, that

"The Lord gives eye-sight to the blind;
The Lord supports the sinking mind."

Her death took place September 14, 1897. She had her church membership in the United Presbyterian Church.

4. WILLIAM TELFORD. Born in Cullybackey, Ireland. He was brought to this country by his mother, and lived for several years in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Some time before his death he removed to New Jersey, where, after severe and protracted suffering from a cancer, his death took place. He was kindly waited on during his last illness by his sister, Mrs. Charlton.

5. ELIZABETH TELFORD. Born in Cullybackey, Ireland, but came to this country with her mother and family early in life, and lived for many years in Allegheny. She was married to HUGH McBURNEY at her maternal home. He moved to New Castle, Colorado, a few years ago, where he still resides. They have been blessed with a family of five children. Two of them are married. They are all church members.

6. THOMAS TELFORD. His birth took place in Cullybackey, Ireland. Some time after his removal to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, he learned the trade of printer, and continued in that business as his life work. He entered the marriage relation with Miss Auhl and lived, the latter part of his life, in Wilkinsburgh, Pennsylvania. He became afflicted with dropsy, and died from its effects in 1855.

7. JOSEPH TELFORD. Some time after the removal of his mother's family to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, he too learned the business of a printer, but his health gave way, and he died when young.

8. JANE TELFORD, the youngest member of the family, was born in Cullybackey, Ireland. She came to this country with the rest of the family, having her home in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. She was married to ROBERT CAMPBELL. He followed, for quite a number of years, the profession of a school-teacher. They reside in Allegheny. They have a family of eight children; five sons and three daughters. Three of the children are married. The oldest son lives in Idaho. The children have all been highly commended; in fact, regarded as what might be called "a model family."

VI. ELIZA TELFORD. Born at Dreentown, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1784 or 5. She was married to SAMUEL HENRY, at the place of her birth, on Wednesday at 5 P. M., May 5, 1814. He was the son of SAMUEL and RACHEL (BLAIR) HENRY, and was born at Slavenagh, County Antrim, Ireland, August 16, 1787. He was baptized in the Reformed Presbyterian Church August 19th, a few days after his birth. He made a profession of religion in the same congregation, January 7, 1806. He left Ireland for Baltimore, Maryland, May 12, 1821, sailing on the Meridian, and paying eighteen guineas for himself, wife and two children. The cargo was salt, whiskey

and linen cloth. He landed in Baltimore, June 28, 1821, where he remained not quite a year. During this time he worked at weaving linen shirts, to the amount of \$66.37. In Ireland he was a weaver of broadcloth and satinet. He left Baltimore May 7, 1822, for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He reached his destination May 22nd, traveling in wagons, and, after paying all bills, had but \$6.50 left. He lived for five months on Smithfield Street, at \$1.25 per month rent. He then moved into a house owned by a Mr. Arthurs, and paid \$2.00 a month.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry.

1. A SON. Born April 16, 1815, in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland. Died April 19, 1815, and was buried in the Cullybackey Cemetery.

2. NANCY ANN. Born in Cullybackey, Ireland, June 10, 1816. Her death, from small-pox, took place September 11, 1817. Buried in Cullybackey.

3. SAMUEL HENRY. Born in Cullybackey, Ireland, July 3, 1818. He was married to MISS HANNAH ARTHURS November 22, 1845. He died of yellow fever in Havana, Cuba, somewhere between the years 1847 and 1860.

4. ELIZA HENRY. Born in Cullybackey, Ireland, January 10, 1821. Died near Baltimore, Maryland, July 26, 1821, and was buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, near Baltimore.

5. ELIZA ARTHUR HENRY. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Thursday morning at 4 A. M., April 24, 1823. She was baptized by Rev. Black, July 6, 1823.

She was married to HANCE BOGGS CROMBIE, December 5, 1860. This was his second marriage. He was born in County Armagh, Parish of Ballymore, twenty-four miles from Belfast, Ireland. He is a descendent of the Scotch Covenanters. His great-grandfathers on both sides of the house were Scottish Lairds, who came over to Ireland during the persecution in

Scotland. His great grandfather on his mother's side was the first Covenanter in County Armagh, and founded the Covenanter Church there. Mr. Crombie landed in New York from Ireland, March 25, 1845. He went to Newburgh, New York, in July, and learned the trade of a saddler.

Cousin Eliza Crombie died after a very brief illness (being confined to her bed but two days), April 20, 1885. She is buried in the Allegheny Cemetery, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Crombie followed the business of store-keeping for many years. He is still living (1897), and is said to be a stanch Covenanter. Three children were born to them.

(1). HELEN ELIZABETH. She is a teacher—has taught for several years in the primary department of the Fifth Ward school, Allegheny, Pennsylvania. In 1895 she expected to attend the Drexel Institute at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and prepare herself for a teacher in domestic science.

(2). HANNAH MARGARET, spoken of as "a very bright and lovely girl, lovely in feature and character," died of typhoid fever while attending the Edinboro, Pennsylvania, State Normal School. Her sickness continued but one week; her death occurring November 1, 1885, a little over six months after the death of her sainted mother. She was buried in the Allegheny Cemetery, at Pittsburgh.

(3). EMILY JANE. She is a stenographer with W. T. Shannon & Son, Liberty Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Helen and Emily still remain in the old faith in which they were brought up, and attend with their father Rev. J. W. Sproull's church, on Sandusky Street, Allegheny, known as the Central Reformed Presbyterian.

6. MARY ANNE HENRY. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 31, 1825. Her marriage to HUGH CRAIG took place in November, 1850. He was the son of HUGH CRAIG, and brother of REV. JOHN L. CRAIG, deceased, of the Uni-

ted Presbyterian Church. Her death occurred when her youngest child was only a week old, probably in 1856. She was buried at Clarion, Pennsylvania. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Craig.

(1). SAMUEL HENRY. Died when quite young—before his mother.

(2). LIZZIE LEGGETT. Born in 1854. After the death of her mother, she was taken to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and placed under the care of her grandmother Craig, with whom she lived until her death occurred, in 1876. Three years later, or in 1879, she was married to GEO. B. BOSWELL, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in October, 1855. Mrs. Boswell made vocal music a special study, having a fine voice. She took part in all the oratorios and concerts given by the prominent musical societies of Pittsburgh, and served as soprano for ten years in two of the leading churches. They have three children, two sons and one daughter. The Boswells are United Presbyterians. Mr. Boswell is said to be a man of fine business capacity. He has been confidential bookkeeper for the same firm for more than twenty years.

(3). JOHN HENRY. He was raised on a farm in the neighborhood of Franklin, Pennsylvania, until twenty years of age. Some time after this he bought a farm near Creston, Iowa, and was married to a MISS SMITH, of that vicinity. In 1893 he sold this property and moved to southwestern Kansas. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Two sons have been born to them.

Cousin Hugh Craig was married a second time. His home is at Franklin, Pennsylvania.

7. RACHEL JANE HENRY. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 7, 1827. She was married to ROBERT C. MCKEE in 1849, who was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1821. He has been in the mercantile business and has acted as a

traveling agent. Cousin Rachel died in Wilkinsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1886, and was buried in the Homewood Cemetery. Mr. McKee, her husband, was married a second time, to Miss MARTHA J. McKNIGHT. He died in Wilkinsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1892. They were members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Six children were born to Robert C. and Rachel J. McKee.

(1). ELIZA ELMIRA. She was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, near Freeport, in July, 1850. She was married to Rev. William McKinney, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1875. He was engaged in work in the Freedman's Mission, in Alabama, in the care of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. His death took place at Camden, Alabama, October 10, 1877. Two children were born to them.

LULU JEANNETTE. Born in 1876. She is a student at Geneva College, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT HENRY. Born in Alabama, October 6, 1877. Died in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1877, and was buried in the Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburgh.

(2). SAMUEL HENRY. Born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, near Freeport, in 1852. He is a graduate of Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois. He was married to KATE B. HAMILTON, May 31, 1880. He is an examiner of titles to real estate, in Wilkinsburgh, Pennsylvania. The death of his wife took place in Wilkinsburgh, May 21, 1881, in a little less than one year after marriage. She was buried in Bellvue Cemetery, Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He was married a second time, to Miss Jane A. Taggart, in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1883.

(3). CATHARINE CORLETT. Born in Wilkinsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1881.

(4). ELLEN BLANCHE. Born in Wilkinsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1885.

(5). HENRY STANLEY. Born in Wilkinsburgh, February 13, 1887. His death occurred June 15, 1888. He was buried in the Homewood Cemetery.

(6). ROBERT WILLIS. Born in Wilkinsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1888. Died September 5, 1889, and was buried in Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburgh.

Aunt ELIZA HENRY died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1832 or 1833, when forty-eight years and a few months old. She is supposed to have been buried in Oak Alley Churchyard. Uncle Henry was married a second time, to ELEANOR LOGAN. She is spoken of as being an excellent Christian woman. Uncle died in Wilkinsburgh in 1871 or 2, and was buried in the Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh. His second wife died in the same place in 1875 or 6, and was interred by the side of her husband in the Allegheny Cemetery.

Mr. Henry was a spare built man and thin of flesh. A wag is said to have prayed, "That the Lord would bless father Henry, for he was nothing but skin and bones." This did not interfere, however, with uprightness of character. He was a stanch Covenanter, a very godly man, and much admired by all who knew him. His life, his deeds, his strength of faith in his Saviour, showed what a firm hold religion had upon the man. Like Paul he could say, "To me to live is Christ."

VII. MARGARET TELFORD. Born in Dreentown, County Antrim, Ireland, in or about the year 1787. She was married to William Given, my wife's father. Her history will be found in connection with that of her husband.

S. F. Thompson and Family.

SAMUEL FINDLEY THOMPSON, the writer of this History, was born about two miles south of Fairview, Guernsey County, Ohio, May 17, 1828. He was born in a log house, grew up in

the same kind of dwellings, in different places, and so spent a few years of his life after entering on the work of the ministry. It will perhaps be best to speak of myself in this part of the history in the first person. I was named after my father's pastor, at Fairview, Ohio, Rev. Samuel Findley, and was always spoken of as the preacher of the family; and I used to think when a mere boy, that when I grew up to be a man, I would be expected to enter the ministry. Thus it will be seen that, sometimes at least, there is something in a name. I was always called Findley at home, and I often receive the appellation, "Uncle Findley," still by some of my nieces and nephews.

My father sold his farm near Fairview, when I was but an infant, and a year or so later purchased a farm near Auburn Center, in what is now Crawford County, Ohio. There is where the earliest recollection of my existence begins. The farthest back my memory carries me is to a cold, icy, wintry afternoon, when a few of a neighbor's children came over to our house to spend a tittle time, and mother very wisely said to us: "Children, remember, you must not go down to the creek, on the ice." The older ones forgot, or something else, and disobeyed, and I, childlike, followed, being only about three years old, stepped on raised, rounded ice in the stream, slipped and fell, and broke my right leg in two places. I remember mother coming to my relief and carrying me to the house, but have no recollection of the process of having it set, or of being confined to the bed until able again to sit up and walk about.

I still remember my early school-days with feelings of pleasure. We had over a mile to travel to get there. The school was kept in an old log house, with its huge fire-place without jambs, its puncheon floor, and slab seats, some of them without backs, and its shelves all around the walls for writing purposes. Our teacher, on one occasion, threatened to raise a slab, put me under the floor and keep me there over night—as

a punishment for some childlike offense I had been guilty of. I thought I was about gone up, and very reluctantly returned to school for a few days thereafter, for fear the threat would be again made and carried out.

I enjoyed school life however, and always attended school whenever I could; giving close attention to books and aiming to make commendable progress. The noon hours were put in very pleasantly in games of baseball, or "Fox and Geese" when the ground was covered with snow. Skating on the ice on the creek, near by, sometimes claimed our attention. This was done generally in heavy boots and without skates.

When partially grown up and able for work, I was set to work on the farm in the summer, attending school only in the winter. I used to be rather anxious for frequent heavy rains in the summer time, for when the weather was bad I could go to school. Occasionally, one of the teachers would fall asleep, in the after part of the day, but we did not mind that much, as it did not prevent us from having a good time. "Corn-hoeing" received a good deal of attention those days, and it was supposed to be work well adapted to boys, but which they seldom enjoyed. I am sure I, for one, did not. I was fond of reading, and often read aloud for the benefit of the family; but papers and books were very scarce at our home. The latter part of my stay at home we had the very welcome visit of two weekly papers—one religious, the other political—a small county paper. All the books we had were read, and some of them more than once. My father never made much more off his farm than a plain, comfortable living; still he could have furnished us more reading matter, especially of an historical character, if he had just realized our necessities, and had been a little more thoughtful of our wants. Raising flax and wool, and scutching, and spinning, and weaving, seemed to be the order of the day. What we ate was home-grown, and what we wore to keep our

bodies warm was home-made. Well, things went on in their usual hum-drum way from year to year on the farm, until the early winter of 1846, when I was permitted to quit the Public School and engage in the study of higher branches, privately, under the supervision of our pastor, REV. R. G. THOMPSON; making my home with him during the week and returning to spend the Sabbath under the parental roof. I had but one schoolmate—Rollin Brown. I well remember the lines that occurred to me on my first trip from home to engage in advanced studies.

“Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow thee.”

I then had the ministry in view as my life work, and never, for a moment afterwards, thought of abandoning it for any other profession. In May following I went to Ashland Academy, at Ashland, Ohio, where I pursued study for five months, boarding a part of the time with my uncle, JAMES SHORT, about two miles distant in the country. The ensuing winter I again engaged in study in private, our pastor then living near my father's residence, enabling me to board at home. The summer of 1847 I attended a small Academy at Mansfield, Ohio. In the fall of the year I resumed educational work at an Academy located at Edinburg, Wayne County, Ohio; Rev. Samuel Findley, Jr., being Principal. A few months later I was elected by the literary society to which I belonged, The Speiradelphian, as contestor on original oration. The subject chosen was “The Evidence of a Future State Deduced from Nature.” The decision of the judges was in favor of my early school companion—Rollin Brown. I remained at Edinburg a year, doing good work.

COLLEGE WORK.

In the fall of 1848 I left home for Franklin College, at New Athens, Harrison County, Ohio; entering the Junior class

half advanced. There again I was chosen to represent my society, The Philosophic, at the annual contest on original oration. I chose as my subject, "The Triumph of Genius." My opponent was Alexander Lackey, a good speaker and very ambitious. As the result of the anomaly of having no judges, both the Societies claimed the victory all the way through—except the debate. A part of the summer of 1849, I was employed as tutor in Madison College, at Antrim, Ohio. The winter of 1849-50 I taught a Public School three months in the home district, teaching twenty-four days as a month, boarding myself, and receiving as compensation for the whole time, \$45.00. At the close of school I at once returned to College at New Athens, still holding my place in the Senior class, and vigorously prosecuting college studies. In the spring vacation of over a month, I tried my hand at the book agency business, but did not make much of a success of it. My courage would fail me, my efforts to the contrary notwithstanding. About the first of July I was taken down with an attack of *typhoid fever*. It kept me out of college work about four weeks. None of my relatives could well be with me, but I was very kindly and attentively nursed by the students. For this I have always felt very grateful and tenderly toward them.

Our commencement exercises took place in the fall of the year—*September 25, 1850*. This was the time of my graduation. Our class numbered thirteen. I have often since felt that my college work was too much hurried and crowded; and that it should have been prolonged six months, or even another year, to have done justice to myself in educational work. Before completing college work I had spent several months in the private study of Theology under the care of our pastor, REV. R. G. THOMPSON, and had been received as a student of Theology by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Presbytery of Mansfield, Ohio, in the fall of 1849, with one year's advancement.

In the fall of 1850 I went to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, to attend the Seminary of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Some time during the winter I first became acquainted with MISS ELLEN GIVEN, a sister of JAMES GIVEN, then in the Seminary and a classmate at College. She was then engaged in teaching in the Third Ward Public School, in Allegheny, and eventually became my wife. A short time before the Seminary closed, in the spring of 1851, in company with REV. W. R. ERSKINE, I took a trip by steamboat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi River, to Henderson County, Illinois, to visit my oldest brother, WILLIAM, and my oldest sister, SARAH, then MRS. DAVID RANKIN. I had not seen my brother for over ten years, and he did not recognize me when we first met. After a very pleasant visit of several weeks, and failing to find a favorable opening for a school-teacher, I returned later to the old home in Crawford County, Ohio. During the summer I took hold of work on my father's farm. Some time during the summer the farm was sold, and early in the fall the family moved in wagons and a buggy to Henderson County, Illinois, where my brother and sister lived.

As our Theological Seminary at Oxford, Ohio, opened about a month sooner than the one in Allegheny, I started for Oxford to take up Seminary work soon after my father left on his journey for Illinois. I had not been feeling very well for some time, and so almost immediately on my arrival at Oxford, I became quite sick, and Dr. Porter, my physician, soon stated to me that I was threatened with an attack of typhoid fever. After my experience of not much more than a year previous at college, I felt very much cast down indeed. I received careful attention and very kind nursing from the students, however, and had skillful and close watchfulness by my physician; and so in about five weeks, some of them long, weary ones, I was able to begin to attend the Seminary, then chiefly under the care of

that excellent, godly man, Rev. William Claybaugh, D. D. After a pleasant and profitable course of study through the winter, I left in the early spring for the bounds of the Presbytery of Mansfield, Ohio, to which I belonged, making my home, for a few weeks, with my uncle, WILLIAM THOMPSON, and spending the time in preparation for the coming meeting of Presbytery, at Ontario, Ohio, where I was licensed to preach, April 21, 1852.

After licensure I remained for some time and preached in the bounds of the Presbytery of Mansfield. The compensation per day, or week, was, at that time, \$6.00. When the General Synod met, I was appointed to labor in Iowa until the Seminary at Allegheny would open in the fall of 1852. In this new field my traveling was done either on horseback or by the old stage coach; railroads at that time being very scarce in the State. When the time came for the Seminary at Allegheny to commence work, I made my return trip by the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers—occupying about two weeks time. I again took hold of seminary work with interest and delight, and gave careful attention to study. My work at the Seminary closed in the spring of 1853, after three years of study. My engagement for work was in what was then known as the Second Presbytery of Illinois, having Pope Creek and Monmouth in charge—one half time at each place. The services in Monmouth were held in the courthouse, with audiences of about sixty persons when the weather was fair. The success of the enterprise was then considered doubtful. This was a short time before the Monmouth College enterprise was started.

When my work in the Second Presbytery of Illinois was completed, I returned to Iowa and put in another six months. While putting in a brief period at Keokuk, in the fall of the year, I was invited to preach on a week-day evening at a small village on the river below, about six miles from the city. After willingly consenting to go, as I could stop with a very pleasant

family by the name of Reed, it was intimated that it was desired to have me preach on the subject of what was then called "Spirit Rappings." The weather was quite warm, and I never before nor since was so annoyed by bugs and flies about a lamp in time of public worship. For some reason there were but few present at this meeting. When it closed, however, I was almost besieged to preach again the next night, on the same subject. To this I finally consented, and at our second meeting the house was crowded; everyone gave close attention and there was no interruption. I took as my first text the words, "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God;" as my second, "If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead." The next morning as I was traveling leisurely along on foot, a stranger hailed me, as I came opposite his house, told me he had heard me preach the night before, and then asked me if I could not preach a sermon in the neighborhood on the subject of *Stealing*. He said further that he thought a sermon on that subject would be a great benefit and do good. I waited a little time to first find out the object the man had in view. So he finally told me that the boys in the neighborhood were stealing his melons and destroying the vines in his melon patch. I excused myself, bade him "good morning," and passed along, meditating on the probable character of the man—more anxious for his melons than his soul, and the work the people in that vicinity seemed anxious to have done;—"spirit rappings" antagonized—melon thieves demolished, and—what next!

Having completed my work in various places in Iowa, my next field of labor for six months was in the Presbytery of Steubenville, Ohio. While preaching at Yellow Creek, near Wellsville, Ohio, the summer of 1854, I never experienced such terribly dry weather, and such withering effects from it, either

before that date or since. It was at this time that the sudden death of Mr. Given, my future wife's father, took place. Early in 1855 I went by appointment to the Presbytery of the Lakes, Pennsylvania. My work was at Georgetown and New Vernon. On one occasion I borrowed a horse to ride over to New Vernon—about six miles distant. The horse was apparently young, but very thin in flesh and looking badly; the bridle was a miserable looking thing, and the saddle seemed to correspond well. My pride was a little taken down, but I started, traveling slowly, and finally reached my destination. The horse at once showed symptoms of being sick, and in about an hour was dead; although every attention possible was given to its recovery. The trip cost me \$40.00, about the estimated half-price of the animal. I soon learned after being on the field, that this Presbytery could not give me employment full time. I therefore made arrangements to go to the Presbytery of Boston, Massachusetts, in February, 1855, and take hold of work in that field. Taunton was then a mission station, and there were vacant organized congregations at Lowell and Lawrence. Shortly after my arrival in the Presbytery, I was given charge of the work at the latter place—Lawrence. Some time during the following summer, a call was very harmoniously made out for me by the congregation to become its settled pastor. This call was, after a little time for reflection, accepted, and I was ordained and installed, August 7, 1855. Young men at that time did not generally care to settle down to pastoral work until after spending some length of time in labor in different parts of the church, thus becoming better acquainted with the church and its needs, in its various fields. I had an excellent offer of a settlement, previously, at Mansfield, Ohio, but declined to have a call made out on the ground of having so many relatives connected with the congregation—three of the elders being my uncles. I have often since thought and felt, that possibly in this matter, I made a mistake. The

elders were all eminently godly men—men of good judgment and lovers of peace.

I was the first pastor of the Lawrence, Massachusetts, Associate Reformed Presbyterian congregation. At this time it owned no church building. Services were held in halls, not always very suitable, and subject to frequent changes. The membership was small and composed largely of young people away from their homes, and living in boarding houses. Of the few families in the congregation, only one or two owned the plain, small dwellings in which they lived. Nearly all were operatives in some of the various mills of the lately founded city of 17,000 inhabitants. All were in very moderate circumstances, financially.

Our Marriage.

Rev. Samuel F. Thompson—Ellen Kerr Given.

At this time things appeared to be in readiness for the consummation of the marriage relation, after an engagement of a little more than two years. Accordingly, soon after my installation as pastor at Lawrence, Massachusetts, I made a trip to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and was married to Miss Ellen Kerr Given, in the early morning of September 19, 1855. The marriage ceremony was performed in the presence of a few invited guests, by her old pastor, Rev. John T. Pressly, D. D. The same day we started on a visit among my relations living at and near Mansfield, Ohio. About two weeks later we left for our new home, spending a day very pleasantly at Niagara Falls, and dining in Queen Victoria's dominions—the first time for me, but not so for my wife. The first Sabbath after our arrival in Boston, Massachusetts, I preached for Dr. Blaikie by way of exchange—the Doctor duly announcing our early advent on our field of labor.



MRS. ELLEN GIVEN THOMPSON.

ELLEN KERR (GIVEN) THOMPSON necessarily becomes a leading character in our family history, and hence the story of her life will be given somewhat at length. She was born in Cullybackey, County Antrim, Ireland, August 2, 1830. She was brought to this country, to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, at the time of her father's removal, in 1844, when nearly fourteen years of age. Her education received careful attention at Cullybackey, before her departure from Ireland, under the skilful supervision of her cousin, JOHN GIVEN. Her advanced education was obtained at a Select School in Allegheny, taught by MRS. INGLES, where she put in a good many school terms. By close and careful attention to her studies, she at length became a very fine scholar. Ellen, being the youngest member of the family, and quite ready to talk, was subject in her early years, to many of the annoyances, as well as some of the pleasures of such a position. I have often heard her speak of interesting incidents in her younger years, yet there are none I can now recall with much distinctness. She had an excellent memory, committing quite readily. This was shown in her repeatedly and correctly reciting ninety verses of the Scriptures in Sabbath-school at one lesson. She wisely embraced the favorable opportunities afforded for profitable reading, and accordingly became quite familiar with general history. Time occupied in this way gave her real enjoyment, and had its good results in future years. When only about eighteen years of age she entered on a successful career of Public School teaching. Her first experience was in the Academy at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, then almost a country locality, where she taught one year; then she taught a single term at Kilbrook, near the city of Allegheny, on the Ohio River. Shortly after the close of this school she was elected as teacher in the Second Ward Public School, of Allegheny. This position she filled for several years, giving good satisfaction to all concerned, until her resignation on the

eve of our marriage, September 19, 1855. Thus it will appear that her school life was a success, and that it was continued for five years in the Second Ward.

In a history like this, prominent traits of character with suitable mention by others are desirable, especially when presented briefly. Her sister-in-law and intimate friend in the teacher's work, Mrs. Margaret Given, makes mention of her as follows:

"In regard to your sainted wife—our dear Ellen—my recollections, in our early years, are altogether delightful. I still remember her sweet and winning ways, and how her face would light up with joy when anything was specially pleasing to her, or met her decided approval. I might say that a prominent trait of her character was *uprightness*—a stern sense of duty and an uncompromising advocacy of what she considered right. This did not always please outsiders, but could not fail, in the end, to win their respect. I well remember an incident. A young man who had been influenced by her charms to pay her special attention and visit her, came on one occasion to see her, when she immediately detected the smell of wine on his breath; and so forbade him to come again, and no entreaty on his part could move her to change. He even appealed to her mother on his behalf in vain. From what I saw of her after her marriage, I thought of her as an affectionate and faithful wife and mother, and an exact housekeeper. She could not be otherwise. Her beautiful correspondence with me was always a pleasure and comfort, and meeting her again in the home above is one of the events to which I look forward with a feeling of delight."

When living at Dickson, Tennessee, the lady teachers at the Freedmen's Mission, at Nashville, were often invited to spend their winter vacation, of a week or more; at our house—a log house though it was. One of them remarked recently, on meeting with one of our sons, referring to these visits which she enjoyed so much; "I think your mother was one of the most kind hearted women I ever met."

George Roth, now living in Chicago, having been some time in the employ of our family at Dickson, Tennessee, in a late communication, says: "There have been a good many changes taken place with both of us since I knew you in Dickson; but I shall never forget to be grateful for the good influence of yourself and most noble companion, Mrs. Thompson, during my stay at your home. I heard of her death, sometime afterward, through your brother Joseph. You certainly miss her greatly. I always thought she possessed more of the qualities of perfect womanhood, and came nearer the ideal, than any one I ever knew. If there were more women like her, this world would grow better more rapidly."

She was noted for her intelligence, her excellent memory, and her fine ability as a conversationalist. About mere gossip and trifling things she did not have much to say. On her return, after being out making calls on her friends, the children would gather around her, as she always had something interesting to relate about the persons she had met, the conversation in which she had been engaged, and the sights she had seen. She was of a social disposition and was always pleased to mingle with others in that capacity.

Her brother, John Given, has thus written about his sister Ellen. "She was very exact and orderly in her youth. She was somewhat of my own disposition in fondness for good company, and the cultivation of the social qualities that make life so pleasant. We were much in each others society at teachers' institutes, literary and religious meetings, and never absent from church or prayer-meeting when possible to attend."

She had the faculty of making others about her enjoy themselves and feel at home. She was ever anxious that life should be to others what it was to her—pleasant. In reading she took special delight. Time never passed heavily on her hands when she had something interesting to read. She was not timid, ex-

cept about taking part in public performances. She could stay with the children in the country, in my absence at night, without the least fear of trouble from any source. She always kept herself neat and tidy. Everything around her was orderly and in its place. Her household duties, when she was able, received close, personal attention. Her home was a model of neatness.

She made a profession of religion in the First United Presbyterian Church of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, Dr. John T. Pressly being pastor, in 1847, when seventeen years of age. Close, prayerful and careful attention was paid to her religious life. Reading the Bible and secret prayer was long a daily habit with her. She was careful to maintain a close walk with God. What she taught the children she enforced by her own example. Evils that beset their pathway were pointed out, and they were duly admonished to shun them. A readiness to live and serve the Lord on their part, was a source of great delight to her. When I was away from home at night, she always led them in earnest prayer at the family altar, and committed them to the care of their covenant keeping God. She always managed to have their sympathy, good-will and respect. They were drawn very affectionately toward their mother.

As a teacher in the Sabbath school she did most excellent work. Her knowledge of Bible truth was quite extensive, and she excelled in the faculty of imparting what she knew to others. When she saw others evidently doing what was wrong she was not backward about administering reproof. This was particularly true with reference to Sabbath-breaking, whether in the form of Sabbath visits or labor. The colored people soon found out that if they transgressed in cutting wood on the Lord's Day, it was best to keep out of her sight. Some of her reproofs would not soon be forgotten.

FIELDS OF LABOR.

In giving an outline of my work in the ministry, I will go back to the time of our marriage, September 19, 1855, when I was pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, at Lawrence, Massachusetts. This was a new field, and, in some respects, a very interesting one. I took hold of the work with the view, with God's blessing, of making a success of it. But whilst the work was quite successful, the pastorate was not of long continuance. There were three communion seasons each year, and on each occasion the accessions to the membership were never less than seven, and up as high as seventeen—the work done compared favorably with that of any congregation in the bounds of the Presbytery. The erection of a neat little church was a great benefit and required no little attention on the part of the pastor. It led the congregation to feel that they had a home of their own. A great many young ministers, when a little difficulty arises, resolve at once to abandon the field, instead of remaining, trying to overcome and outlive the trouble; in whatever form it may have arisen. Acting on this principle, unwisely as I now think, I resigned as pastor after preaching to the congregation and working hard in its behalf about two years. The relation was dissolved by the Presbytery of Boston, in March, 1857. Some time in April we took our departure from Lawrence, Massachusetts, and, after passing a few weeks very pleasantly among our relatives in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, we went by river to Henderson County, Illinois, near Olena, and lived with my father through the summer. My time was nearly all occupied in preaching in the bounds of the Second Presbytery of Illinois. In the early fall of 1857 I received a call to become pastor of Ross' Grove congregation, in Dekalb County, Illinois. It is in the country about five miles north from Leland. The call being accepted, I moved with my family to this new field of labor in the month of October. The only house

available in the neighborhood was a little cottage house of only one room, and a very shabby open kitchen. We lived in this for over a year, and until our own comfortable new house was ready for occupancy. My installation as pastor took place, Dr. David A. Wallace, by appointment of Presbytery, conducting the exercises, on May 4, 1858,—the day on which our second son, Edward Payson, was born. The congregation was quite small, and its surroundings, humanly speaking, not favorable for rapid growth. There being no church building, services were held in a school-house. The audiences, however, were encouraging, the house often being crammed full, and so the necessity for a church building soon became apparent. In the fall of 1859 the enterprise was taken hold of in earnest, and about a year later it was completed and ready for use. The war times caused us some trouble, but it was overcome. Banks were giving way almost daily, and it was not safe to keep money on hand even over night; but we did not lose a cent in our building operation.

Shortly after entering on the work at Ross' Grove, a disease developed with me quite unexpectedly, which proved afterward to be very much in the way of the successful prosecution of the work of my ministry. I refer to the *asthma*. It followed in the wake of a severe cold. The congregation increased slowly in numbers and things generally were pleasant and agreeable, but my experience with this new disease and the climate, led me to believe it to be my duty to myself and the congregation to resign. Accordingly the pastoral relation was dissolved by the Presbytery of Chicago, April 3, 1862, to take effect the first of May. There are a great many pleasant memories connected with the work done in this field—some few that are sad. We had some trouble along the drink line, and there, too, we lost our first-born—William Howard, a very pleasant child indeed, and greatly endeared to his parents. By an unhappy choice of

a pastor some time after I left the field, I am sorry to say, the congregation at Ross' Grove eventually ceased to exist. When leaving Dekalb County, Illinois, we went to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and vicinity, where we spent the summer among relations and in occasional preaching, my health not improving perceptibly. The winter of 1862-3 we made our home with AUNT SHORT, near Ashland, Ohio, still preaching as opportunity opened up.

In April, 1863, I moved to my father's home near Olena, Henderson County, Illinois, living with him a little more than two years. My youngest brother, Joseph, had enlisted as a soldier and was away in the army, and, my father being infirm, I was busy the most of the time overseeing the work on the farm—being only occasionally absent in the work of the ministry. I was away from home, however, as stated supply, at Camp Creek, Carroll County, Illinois, the greater part of the time, the winter of 1864-5. This was within the bounds of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Chicago. In May, 1865, I moved with my family to Zion's Grove, near the Camp Creek Church, with the understanding that I should occupy the field as long as things were mutually satisfactory, or until Providence indicated the necessity for a change.

The field was in many respects an interesting one. There were a great many large families, with children growing up, who needed special care. The congregation was in the country, and we very largely had the field to ourselves. The people were mostly immigrants from the North of Ireland, but there was one serious drawback to the progress of the work—the prevalence of the *drink habit*. It was customary to have wine at weddings and at funerals; and besides, social drinking very extensively prevailed. Such an evil could not be removed in a day. It required time and wise, patient, persevering Christian effort. There was some progress made in behalf of temperance and a

better life, but still, after remaining about four years on the field, I felt constrained to say on the eve of my departure, that I feared there would be some *drinking bills to be settled in the next world.* Notwithstanding this, there were some excellent Christian families in the congregation; ready, cheerful workers for the cause of Christ. The Sabbath-school was well attended, as were the regular Sabbath services. The young people were uniting with the church, families outside were becoming interested in religion and professing Christ, and so I felt that my labor in this field was not fruitless. The work was enjoyed too, both by myself and my devoted, helpful wife.

I remained in the field as stated supply just a little less than four years. During all this period, in the fall of the year especially, my health was seriously impaired by frequent attacks of asthma, and with apparent greater severity. This, with the fact that I could no longer procure a house in which to live, led me to give up the work in May, 1868, the family remaining at Zion's Grove until the 1st of October, when I removed to Rock Island, Illinois, that they might have church and school privileges, together with other conveniences, in my absence from home. During my stay in that city I preached in vacancies in Illinois and Iowa as I had opportunity—about one half time.

Hoping that a change of climate might afford some relief from frequent and distressing attacks of asthma, I left Rock Island for Nashville, Tennessee, April 6, 1869. The months of May and June I was placed in charge of the colored congregation of the Freedmen's Mission at Nashville. This work I enjoyed quite well, though the mission was not then in as prosperous a condition as it had been in the past. There being a few families of the United Presbyterian Church at Dickson, Dickson County, Tennessee, chiefly from northwestern Pennsylvania, I was appointed by the General Assembly of our church to labor as missionary in that field, in connection with

Nails Creek, about eight miles distant and in the country. I commenced work in this new field the first of July, 1869. Finding that the change of climate, after several months trial, had greatly improved my health, I returned to Illinois to prepare for and assist in the removal of my family to Dickson, Tennessee. They arrived early in September. Having a family of boys, with only one exception, I purchased a farm, of one hundred and sixty acres, near town, and moved into a double log house, the best building the farm afforded at the time. Our church services, at first, were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church in town one half time; the other half was put in at Nails Creek, the services being held in an old log school-house, though pretty large. The work was entered upon at once. We were almost entirely dependent on northern immigrants for the success of our enterprise. Although the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was first organized in Dickson County, Tennessee, and had at first become quite strong, it had largely died out in the county, and there was very little Presbyterian influence of any kind in that part of the State.

I will here turn aside for a moment to relate a little experience I had in the purchase of a cow. When I had just fairly succeeded in having things fixed up at the house, a man came along one evening about sundown, leading a cow by a rope and anxious for her sale. His price being moderate, a sale was after due deliberation effected; he received payment and started on his way apparently well pleased. About two weeks later, two rather rough looking men with revolvers sticking out of their pockets rode up to the gate and called me out in regular southern style. They at once began to make inquiries about the cow I had bought—said she was stolen, described her exactly without seeing her, took the legal steps, as I required them to do, and, as the result, drove the cow away;—this left me in the lurch the price of the cow.

By appointment of the Presbytery of Tennessee, the congregation of Dickson was organized October 10, 1869, the weather being exceedingly unfavorable, with ten members. At the first communion in November following, the membership was increased to twenty-six. Things for a time seemed favorable for successful work. On the 17th of April, 1872, a congregation was organized at Nails Creek with fifteen members. A very neat house of worship was erected at Dickson in 1871, a Sabbath-school was at once organized, a prayer-meeting started, and things were arranged, as far as possible, for efficient work. For a time the movement made encouraging progress. Families kept moving in occasionally and the Sabbath audiences increased. But after a few years trial it was discovered that a grand mistake had been made in the selection of a location for settlement. The soil was not at all productive, failing to yield remunerative crops. The Public Schools were kept up only a few months in the year, and poor in quality, and the southern people were neither familiar with our church principles nor in sympathy with them.—Death thinned our ranks somewhat, people became discouraged, and, as opportunity afforded, sold out and moved away. The enterprise was for a number of years generously supported by the church: time was given for a fair trial, but there was no good prospects of ultimate success, and so at length the support was withheld. It began to be understood that the effort would not be a success, and I was advised, and left at liberty, to abandon the field. I held on to the work, however, for several years after all financial support by the Committee of Home Missions had been withdrawn, accepting as compensation just what the people felt able and saw proper to give—amounting to less than \$200 per year. I wanted to do the best I could for the people until I could effect the sale of my property, for which we had become quite anxious.

On the sale of our property near Dickson, Tennessee, quite early in 1890, we concluded to spend several months visiting

our children and other relatives. Emma, being at this time the only child at home, accompanied us on these visits. Accordingly, when all business matters were settled and arranged, the farewell sermon preached to many sad in heart, and a final adieu to all, we left our old home in Tennessee, about the middle of March, 1890, for Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, to spend some time with our oldest son, Edward, and family. We also made very pleasant visits with my wife's brother John, in Pittsburgh, and her sisters, Mary and Margaret, in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Being quite fatigued on leaving Tennessee, we were all in a favorable condition to enjoy a period of rest. Time passed rapidly, but very pleasantly. Early in May we left Beaver Falls for Henderson County, Illinois, to visit our son John and family, at Media, who was then principal of the Academy at that place. I also had brothers and sisters living in the same neighborhood. In about three weeks I left for Kansas, where I had arrangements to preach for a few Sabbaths. The rest of the visiting party remained in Henderson County several weeks longer, and their visits were greatly enjoyed. About the first of July, my wife and Emma arrived in Tarkio, Missouri, where we finally concluded to make our new home.

The choice lay between Sterling, Kansas, and Tarkio. Some time after this I purchased several lots, in a body, on which a plain, comfortable house was in due time erected, and into which we moved in October following. The house is beautifully located on the corner of Sixth Street and Park Avenue. Mrs. Thompson was becoming acquainted with the people and was beginning to feel quite at home with them. In so far as her acquaintance extended, she had made a very favorable impression. She had become something of an invalid, not being able to walk long distances. Mrs. D. Rankin very thoughtfully and kindly called around in her comfortable carriage and took her to church. There was a tendency to spinal curvature before her marriage.

It took its rise from teaching school after a severe spell of sickness, before her strength was fully restored. This trouble grew worse while raising her family, and threatened to become serious before her death, a condition of utter helplessness she greatly deplored; and from this, in the good Providence of God, she was spared. In the early part of 1891, she often complained of not feeling well, and of having some difficulty in breathing, but still she was able to be up and around, and no special alarm was felt about her condition.

On Thursday before her death, she walked across the street to call on a near neighbor, Mr. Webster, to spend a little time in a social way. While there, the late sudden death of Secretary Windom came up in the course of conversation, and she made the remark, "I believe, if I had my choice, I would prefer a sudden death." The same evening on retiring for the night, she took a chill, complained after some time of a feeling of sickness about her stomach, and was not able to rest well during the night. Early the next morning, our family physician, Dr. Martin, was called. He told us at once that she was threatened with pneumonia, so fatal in her father's family in late life, and that she would need careful nursing. She seemed to be getting along pretty well until late on Saturday. Our cousin, Mrs. J. P. Finney, had been with her the greater part of the day, and sat up with her that night. She referred, in conversation, to the recent death of two of her sisters, and remarked, also, that she would be very glad to see the children who were absent. About four o'clock, on Sabbath morning, Mrs. Finney called at my bed-room, asking me to come down and saying, "Mrs. Thompson's extremities are becoming cold." This struck me at once as the harbinger of death. But by the use of warm applications and careful rubbing, circulation soon became partially restored. She got up and sat on a chair a little while in the early morning. When family worship was over, she asked me to read to her

from the Bible. After reading the one hundred and third Psalm, she asked me to read the fifth chapter of Romans, remarking that it was a favorite chapter of her's and repeating the first verse: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Very soon heart-failure set in, and it became evident that life was rapidly drawing to a close, and speedily ebbing away. She had not said anything specially to any member of the family. She had not been told that death was near, and probably did not realize it. I thought about it frequently, but hesitated about speaking to her, in the hope that she might recruit up a little before her death. I have always regretted this neglect. I think if she had known that death was so near at hand, she would, with a good degree of composure, have given to each member of the family a parting word of advice, which would have been a source of comfort, as well as a great benefit to each one of us.

About twelve, at noon, Joseph came into the room, and spoke to his mother, calling her by name. She made no reply. It was too late, her sense of hearing was gone. Even the endeared name, "Mother," could not restore it. Dr. McNary, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hanna and others called after church services were ended, and were present when she died, at 1 P. M., on Sabbath, February 15, 1891. Her death seemed so easy. She passed away as if in sleep—ceasing to breathe without a struggle, when sixty years, six months and thirteen days of age; and a little more than thirty-five years of very pleasant married life.

When her death occurred telegrams were sent at once to the absent members of the family—Edward, at Baltimore, Maryland; John, at Media, Illinois, and Pressly, at Monmouth, Illinois. To give time for all the children to arrive, the arrangements for the funeral were made for Wednesday, the 18th, at 10:30 A. M. The weather in the meantime became pierc-

ingly cold. The children all reached Tarkio in time for the funeral. The feeling on the part of all seemed to be,

"My mother,
Whose image never may depart,
Deep graven on this grateful heart,
Till memory is dead."

The pastor of the congregation, Dr. W. P. McNary, being necessarily absent, the services at the church were conducted by Rev. D. C. Wilson. He used as his text, 2 Peter 3:14: "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." The Doctor spoke of her social life, her intelligence, her devotion to her Master, and of her power to attract others to herself in sympathy and good-will. Although but a few months of her life had been spent in Tarkio, yet she had drawn many toward her very tenderly and lovingly. The church was filled to its utmost capacity. At the conclusion of the services, when many eyes had cast a last hasty look at the body of the deceased, her remains were quietly conveyed to the Home Cemetery of Tarkio, and laid to rest to await the resurrection of the just. A nice, plain granite monument has since been erected by her husband and children to mark the sacred spot where her body lies interred.

On such occasions when the funeral is over and friends in sympathy leave for their homes, then it is that a sense of loss and loneliness comes in full force over those most intimately related to the departed. People are very apt to leave them, so much of the time, alone. In this case time did not rapidly efface the loss of one with whom nearly thirty-six years of life had been *very happily* spent by the husband and writer.

Various notices appeared in the home and church papers with reference to the death and character of my wife. Extracts from these, more or less full, are given below.

"Mrs. Thompson," says *The Tarkio Missouri Avalanche*, "was a woman of much more than ordinary character. Intelligent, affable, and a good conversationalist, she was a most genial and pleasant companion. Her devotion to her family was very marked; in sickness and health, in temporal and spiritual things, the same care was manifest—the same wise counsel prevailed. She had been from childhood an earnest Christian, and she died in the full hope of a blessed immortality."

Rev. D. C. Wilson in the *United Presbyterian* of March 26, 1891, speaks of her as follows:

"Mrs. Thompson gave herself to Christ in early life, and made a public profession of her faith in the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian congregation of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, under the care of Dr. John T. Pressly. She was a successful teacher both in the Academy at Wilkinsburg, and in the Second Ward School in Allegheny. She was married to Rev. S. F. Thompson, September 19, 1855. Mr. Thompson's first pastorate was at Lawrence, Massachusetts; his second, at Ross' Grove, Illinois; then at Camp Creek, Illinois, and finally at Dickson, Tennessee. In all these places the memory of Mrs. Thompson's life is cherished by those among whom she lived and labored, side by side with her husband. She had a great regard for her first pastor, Rev. John T. Pressly, D. D., and no doubt his influence over her in early life in connection with the training she received in a Christian home, had much to do in shaping her course in mature years. What a power one godly man has in the world! How many have come from that first congregation in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, to shed a benediction along their pathway in the land, the home, and the church.

"Although her body was frail and delicate, she was always cheerful and happy, and had the faculty of making others happy around her. 'Her children arise up and call her blessed; her

husband, also, and he praiseth her.' She was fond of books, and her use of them made her intelligent and entertaining. However, her one book of daily study and comfort was the Bible. She could truly say with the Psalmist, 'O how love I thy law ; it is my meditation all the day.'

"She was the mother of nine children, six of whom survive her. Three of these have graduated from Monmouth College ; the fourth is now in the Senior class and will graduate next June. Another, after having successfully filled the chair of Mathematics for a term of ten years in Geneva College, at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, is now taking a post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins University. Rev. J. A. Thompson is the honored President of Tarkio College, where the youngest brother and sister are being educated. Mrs. Thompson lived to see all her children safe in the fold, and all members of the United Presbyterian Church, which she loved so well, and for whose prosperity she both labored and prayed.

"After Mr. and Mrs. Thompson felt it to be their duty to leave Tennessee, they located in Tarkio, Missouri. Although their sojourn here has been very brief, Mrs. Thompson had won the hearts of the people, and they mourn for her as one long known and loved. Mr. Thompson had built and furnished a comfortable home, and the family had just settled down to enjoy its comforts, when Mrs. Thompson was suddenly called to the enjoyment of 'that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.' It was a lovely Sabbath day when she fell asleep in Jesus, and so husband and children can say :

'The Sabbath sun rose bright and clear
When thine was setting on us here,
To shine more bright in yonder sphere.—
Farewell, we'll meet again.' "

Our Children.

We now come to a very important part of the history, and

one in the writing of which no pains will be spared to have a neat and full record.

THE CHILDREN OF REV. SAMUEL FINDLEY and ELLEN (GIVEN) THOMPSON. There were born to us nine children, three of them dying when quite young.

- I. WILLIAM HOWARD.
- II. EDWARD PAYSON.
- III. JOSEPH ADDISON.
- IV. JOHN GIVEN.
- V. DAVID WALLACE.
- VI. EMMA JANE.
- VII. PRESSLY.
- VIII. INFANT DAUGHTER.
- IX. CHARLES HENRY.

I. WILLIAM HOWARD THOMPSON. He was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, June 17, 1856. In less than a year after his birth we removed from Lawrence, and soon thereafter located at Ross' Grove, Dekalb County, Illinois. As the months passed he became a very pleasant, interesting child, and very much endeared to his parents. He was also quite a favorite with all who knew him. He would sometimes wander away alone, along the public road, or follow the cattle in a lane back into the woods, until he would become almost lost. He seemed to be in almost perfect health when he was attacked with cholera infantum in the morning; and although we did not think him specially dangerous, a little after midnight, the night following, he fell into a spasm. Hot water was ordered by the attending physician, and, when he was put into it, in a very few minutes he ceased to breathe. His death took place a little before 1 o'clock A. M., February 25, 1859, when only two years, eight months and eight days old. His death took place so suddenly and unexpectedly that it seemed so hard to bear.

It was the first death in the family and a terrible shock to us. We missed him at the table; his place was vacant. We missed his pleasant, prattling talk, and his very clothes, whenever seen, reminded us, so sadly, that our little son Willie was no longer with us. But we knew and felt that all was well, and that he was taken by our Heavenly Father to a better, happier home than we could give him here below. In due time the funeral took place, and his body now lies at rest in the quiet Cemetery of the Somonauk United Presbyterian Church, in Dekalb County, Illinois. The following is copied from the May, 1859, number of the *Christian Instructor*, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“He lived but to bloom in loveliness, when he was suddenly cut down. We trust it is well with the child.

“Blest boy, he’s gone! forever gone!
Endeared by many a tie;
His body in the grave laid low,
His spirit dwells on high.

“He’s gone! and children, too, must die;
No age is free from death;
How oft a voice speaks from on high,
They draw the expiring breath.

“In childhood’s days then think of this,
Reflect on Jesus’ love
Who wills that little children come,
And dwell with him above.”

II. EDWARD PAYSON THOMPSON. His birth took place near Ross’ Grove, Dekalb County, Illinois, in a small cottage house of two rooms, May 4, 1858. His boyhood days were spent very much like those of other boys, and as might naturally be expected. His health was good and he freely indulged in childhood sports and in healthful exercise. His Public School work, very delightfully spent, commenced at Zion’s



PROF. E. P. THOMPSON.

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Grove, Carroll County, Illinois, in May, 1865. He had previously learned to read quite well at home. The winter of 1868-9 he attended the Public Schools of Rock Island, Illinois, where his parents had but recently removed. In addition to regular school studies, he took up German, and, by close application, did commendable work. On our removal to Dickson, Tennessee, in the fall of 1869, he took advantage of all the educational facilities our village afforded,—not generally first class, but always making progress. When schools were not in session, and engaged in work on the farm, he often studied at home, reciting to his father. His recitations indicated careful study. For a short time he attended an Academy of ephemeral existence, started in town. He was fond of reading history and other useful books. He seemed perfectly contented with his quiet home life, when he could study and have something interesting to read. His rapid progress in study was the result of his own desire, in connection with persevering exertion. He made a profession of religion in the United Presbyterian Church of Dickson, Tennessee, April 1, 1871.

In the fall of 1875, he left home for Monmouth, Illinois, to engage in educational work in Monmouth College. His health at this time was not vigorous, owing to malaria contracted in the south. He, however, kept closely at his work, not allowing anything that could be avoided to divert his attention. He was always known as a close, diligent student, and aimed at first-class scholarship. He took hold of farm work in vacations as the best occupation, when away from home; though pretty hard for a college student to endure, in the heat of summer, after being so long shut up indoors. This was done at nearly all vacations until after graduation, when book-selling was tried for a very short time, with the ordinary result.

The summer of 1878 was spent very pleasantly at home, in Dickson, Tennessee. There was work to be done on his

father's farm, social visits were made, and some attention was given to profitable reading. On his way back to college at Monmouth, Illinois, he came near being quarantined, on account of the prevalence of yellow fever, in portions of the State through which he had to pass. At Union City, Tenn., he had to leave the train before entering the town. This was his Senior year, and his studies required close attention. In addition to his regular college work, he took up an *honor course* in mathematics, in which he was successful. It was not competitive. It simply required a designated extra amount of study. His work in the recitation room was always highly commended by Dr. Wallace, the President of the College, and others. His graduation from Monmouth College, after a very pleasant and profitable course of study, took place June 19, 1879.

Edward had his mind fixed on teaching as his life work, before his college studies were completed, being drawn towards it by success in college work, as many others have been. There being no opening for him in higher work immediately on his graduation, he engaged a Public School in the Rankin neighborhood, Henderson County, Illinois, for the winter of 1879-80, where he did satisfactory work for the district. The following summer he was employed by the Board of Directors of Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, as Professor of Mathematics. This Institution is under the control of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. He entered on the duties of this professorship when the college opened in September, 1880. The College and students being well satisfied with his work, about the close of the year he was elected as a permanent Professor. He remained here, at close work, for ten years.

Shortly after the close of his first year's work in Geneva College, Professor Thompson returned to Henderson County, Illinois, to fulfill his marriage engagement. Accordingly, he was married to MISS MARY ELEANOR RANKIN, near Biggsville,

June 23, 1881—Rev. James McArthur being the officiating clergyman. How true in this case the suggestion of the poet.

"Let her be a child of God, that she bring with her a blessing to thy house—

A blessing above riches, and leading contentment in its train:
Let her be an heir of heaven; so shall she help thee on thy way,
For those who are one in faith, fight double-handed against evil."

She is the worthy and esteemed daughter of Samuel S. and Caroline (Carothers) Rankin. Her father is of Scotch Irish descent; her mother is Scotch-English. He was of the vigorous Rankin stock, being the son of James and Elizabeth (Brown) Rankin, and was born in Park County, Indiana, May 3, 1830. When but four years of age his father immigrated to Henderson County, Illinois, in wagons. The schools of those days were of a very primitive nature, and Mr. Rankin could obtain but little book education; yet he seems to have gained that practical education in hard and well-directed toil that enabled him to make a successful farmer.

He was married to Miss Caroline Carothers, by Rev. N. McDowell, May 30, 1854. She is the daughter of Andrew and Mary (Hays) Carothers, and was born March 14, 1827, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. She came to Henderson County, Illinois, in 1841, traveling by private conveyances, and walking much of the way. She had a fair common school education, kept well posted on the topics of the times, and made religion a matter of deep personal concern. For the past year she has been quite an invalid from the effects of paralysis.

In Mr. Rankin's early pioneer days, his father sold corn for five cents, and wheat for twenty cents a bushel; the postage on a letter was twenty-five cents; long journeys had to be made to mills, and often great privations were endured to lay the foundation of present competency. By untiring industry and close application, he became the possessor of a comfortable

home on a farm of four hundred acres of good land. He has been a lover of peace. In educational matters he has been public-spirited and generous. His life work has been that of a farmer. For a great many years he has lived about four miles south of Biggsville, Illinois. They have raised a very exemplary family of seven children; all living, and all, parents included, stanch members of the United Presbyterian Church. The boys are all farmers.

1. LAURANCY E. Wife of W. G. Pogue Media, Illinois.
2. HARRIET A. Wife of A. C. Allison, Stronghurst, Illinois.
3. CHARLES E. Married Miss Nola Brent, Biggsville, Illinois.
4. RALPH W. Married Miss Jennie Lant, Biggsville, Illinois.
5. JOHN WESLEY. Married Miss Clara Lant, Biggsville, Illinois.
6. L. JENNIE. Has charge of the parental home, and kindly and tenderly waits on and cares for her mother, who has been a helpless invalid for a year past.
7. MARY ELEANOR (RANKIN) THOMPSON—the third child. She was born south of Biggsville, Henderson County, Illinois, December 2, 1858. From happy childhood days she grew up to attractive womanhood. Her education was obtained at the Public Schools of the neighborhood in which she lived. When not engaged in school work, her home life, on her father's farm, was a busy one, under the tuition of an unusually thoughtful and loving mother. At the same time she had a great many opportunities for pleasant social enjoyments.

When quite young in years, she made a profession of her faith in Christ in the United Presbyterian Church of Ellison, Illinois. In the duties of this profession she has always been faithful. She is a very conscientious, kind and sympathetic

woman. In the church, she is a cheerful, willing worker; thoughtful of the poor and helpful to them. In the home, she is anxious and careful about the welfare of her children, both in a temporal and spiritual point of view. She is appreciated, too, as an unusually loving and devoted wife and mother, nearly the whole of whose life is devoted unselfishly to their welfare. She sustains and upholds her husband in the duties of his life work, and has been very self-sacrificing in permitting him to employ travel, and time, and means, and study, away from home, for maintaining and improving himself in his chosen profession. Her children are very much attached to their mother as a consequence of her constant and affectionate regard for their true interests. Her ambition has been to have her home attractive, cheerful and pleasant. She aims to have a great deal of the sunny side of life herself, and takes special pains to have others happy around her. In a true sense, her's is a model Christian home.

She has always manifested a commendable interest in her husband's family, acting a generous part in giving some of them homes while attending college, and doing what she could in my behalf, to make things pleasant and comfortable, when death had broken up my home.

At the close of ten years' continuous service, as Professor of Mathematics in Geneva College, Pennsylvania, E. P. Thompson resigned, with the view of spending a year, 1890-1, in special study in Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore, Maryland. He had previously spent a summer vacation, that of 1887, at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the study of chemistry. His wife and children by the kind invitation of her parents, went to Biggsville, Illinois, and had their home with them during her husband's stay at the University at Baltimore. His time was occupied very pleasantly and profitably. Before the close of this special course of study, he was

elected to the chair of Mathematics and Chemistry in Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. This position he held and filled quite acceptably to the College and all concerned, for two years, 1891-3. While there he prepared a little work on Qualitative Chemical Analysis, which proved a success while used. He then resigned to accept the chair of Mathematics and Astronomy, to which he had been elected by the Board of Directors of Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio. He entered on the duties of this professorship in September, 1893. This position he still holds (1898) and seems to be growing in the esteem of all connected with the institution. He is now erecting a beautiful home in Oxford, where he hopes to pursue the objects of his life more effectively because of its advantages, and to be counted as a worthy citizen of his community. The president of the University, Dr. W. O. Thompson, makes the following statement, early in 1898, with reference to his standing, and the character of the work he has performed in the institution.

"Professor E. P. Thompson came to Miami University as Professor of Mathematics, in September, 1893. He has, during these years, filled the chair with great acceptance. He had impressed himself upon the members of the Faculty as a student of his subject and a scholar. He is not contented with the mere routine of his work, but is a progressive teacher, gleaning constantly from the experience of the best teachers.

"A college professor in these days must possess some sterling qualities, a high degree of scholarship, and special gifts, to attain such success as will commend him to a favorable judgment from his associates. It is assumed that he is a man with a keen sense of honor, and of such moral character and habits as are above reproach. He must be a critical scholar in the department where he labors. Less than this will bring him into immediate disfavor. He must have the teaching faculty, and be able to

prove himself, among his colleagues, as a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. It is needless to add that Professor Thompson has met these tests without embarrassment.

“Of the personal and special qualities that mark him, I may mention the modesty and humility of spirit that mark the scholar and the teacher. He never represents himself, and he never misrepresents the cause for which he stands.

“The high ideals that govern in his life have produced a diligent student. In him the better is never permitted to be the solving of the best. His example and attainments alike inspire an earnest student.

“His never failing fidelity to his calling commend him to those who know him. He has learned the art of attending to his own work, and insists upon doing it. Such qualities make him an agreeable and acceptable colleague in a Faculty.”

Professor Thompson, from the time he commenced his career as a teacher, has been a very close student. He has an intense desire to excel in his professional work and keep pace with all modern improvements in his line. Time never hangs heavily on his hands, if he has opportunities for study or profitable conversation. He aims to have plenty of work laid out, and so is enabled to keep busy. In physique he is over six feet tall, of moderate weight, and able to endure a great deal of wear and tear.

While at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, he was elected to the office of ruling elder, by the United Presbyterian congregation, and he now holds the same position in the United Presbyterian Church at Oxford, Ohio. This shows the esteem in which he has been held by his brethren in the church. He has also, for many years, acted as superintendent in the Sabbath-schools, in all his places of teaching, and has done very efficient work. He is deeply interested in religion, and is always ready to give a helping hand to judicious plans for the up-building of the cause.

of Christ. In all these things his devoted wife is in cordial sympathy with him. They live and act as "heirs together of the grace of life." Entering upon middle life, with the experience of the past to guide, may the future, though unknown, for which so many plans have been laid, be rich in its harvest, not only for time, but for eternity.

Five children have been born to them.

1. HARRIET ELEANOR. She was born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, October 21, 1882. When old enough, she made herself useful in extending a helping hand to her mother, and has always been pleasant in her home life. She is now a diligent student in the Public Schools of Oxford, Ohio. She has her special friendships among the scholars. Her deportment and standing in the school-room are excellent. She is rather tall and slender, but has, at the same time, at least an ordinarily vigorous constitution. She is a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Oxford, Ohio. Under such influences as she comes there should be a fruitful life.

2. MARY SOMERVILLE. She was born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1885, and was named for the famous lady mathematician. She was taken down with scarlet fever, after a short, happy life, in February, 1887, and died from its effects, on the twenty-second day of the month, when two years and three days old. She was buried in the Cemetery at New Brighton, Pennsylvania. She was a very lovely, interesting child, very dear to parental hearts, and so her removal from the home was missed more than tongue can tell. There is comfort, however, for sorrowing Christian hearts in the words of the Savior—"of such is the Kingdom of Heaven:" and in the promise, "He shall gather the lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom."

“There is anguish in the household,
It is desolate and lone,
For a fondly cherished nursling
From the parent nest has flown.
Oh! weep but with rejoicing,
A heart gem ye have given,
And behold its glorious setting
In the diadem of Heaven.”

3. WILLIAM HOWARD. Born at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, May 26, 1887, on the day of College commencement. He now lives at Oxford, Ohio, and is a diligent scholar in the Public Schools. He is an exceptionally stout, hearty looking boy, from whom much is expected, and generally carries a pleasant smile on his face. We hope and trust that nothing may occur, in life's changing, shifting scenes, to alter this expression of countenance, at any time during his future years. He made a public profession of religion in the United Presbyterian Church of Oxford, Ohio, when ten years of age.

4. SAMUEL EDWARD. Born at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1889. He has already made a good start in educational work in the Oxford, Ohio, Public Schools. He is of somewhat slender build, but healthy and mentally active; and like other boys generally, he seeks to have his full share of life's enjoyments. May he ever be happy, in due attention to what Providence may have in store for him, as life's great work.

5. RIBA GENEVA. Born at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1892. When quite young she had a peculiar way of answering a question, by replying, “do.” She is a bright, attractive, curly-haired little girl—“a well-spring of pleasure” in the home, and very loving in her disposition; one for whose future there are many hopes to be realized. On this bright new year's morn, 1898, for all these children of the rising generation, there are many hopes cherished for their future years and success in life.

III. JOSEPH ADDISON THOMPSON. Born near Ross' Grove, about five miles north of Leland, Dekalb County, Illinois, February 8, 1860. He weighed at the time of his birth eleven pounds. He was, as a boy, unusually active and stirring. He learned to read at home, and soon became quite fond of reading. He would often take up his book, and in his mother's presence, read along as he was able, spelling hard words and having her pronounce them for him. He first attended Public Schools at Zion's Grove, Carroll County, Illinois; then at Rock Island one year; and finally in 1869 at Dickson, Tennessee. He was a great favorite among his teachers, and pleasant among his schoolmates, becoming with most of them a highly prized companion.

Public Schools were in a formative state in Tennessee in 1869, and for some years later. The terms were very short and the schools of quite an inferior grade. Joseph always attended such as we had, and aimed to make the most out of his opportunities. The different High Schools and Academies started at Dickson, he also patronized, and when there was no school in session, his time was utilized in study at home, even when engaged in work on the farm. His lessons were always well prepared and it was a pleasure to hear him recite.

Early in life, April 26, 1873, he made a profession of religion in the United Presbyterian Church of Dickson, Tennessee, and soon thereafter became an active worker in the church. In January, 1880, he left home to take up a regular course of study in Monmouth College, at Monmouth, Illinois—entering the Sophomore class half advanced. It will thus be seen that his college work was shorter than that of any of the other members of the family. He was a close, diligent student, and had a great many pleasant, happy hours in connection with his college life. He greatly enjoyed social life and often mingled in social circles. This, within proper limits, is commendable, and often



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a great help in the battle of life. The cultivation of his oratorical powers also received careful attention. Before the close of college work he represented his society in a public debate at Galesburg, Illinois. He graduated from Monmouth College, with the first honor of his class, in June, 1882.

Not having come, at this time, to a final decision with reference to his life's work, his time was occupied the winter of 1882-3 in teaching a High School at SPRING HILL, INDIANA. MISS LILLIAN E. LOGAN was associated with him as assistant teacher. The school was carried on quite successfully; the patrons of it being well satisfied. He also taught a select school the summer of 1883 at Dickson, Tennessee. He had about made up his mind to study law as his profession, but finally, after much prayerful deliberation, he chose the Christian ministry. Accordingly, he entered the United Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, the fall of 1883. After spending two years in the above institution, he closed his seminary work at Princeton, New Jersey, the spring of 1886. He had previously been licensed to preach in the same year by the Presbytery of New York. After preaching a few months in various parts of the church, he received a call to become the pastor of the Chetopa United Presbyterian Church, at Chetopa, Kansas, in the Presbytery of Garnett. This call was accepted. He was ordained to the work of the ministry April 7, 1887.

HIS MARRIAGE.

He entered married life with MISS LILLIAN ESTHER LOGAN, at Spring Hill, Decatur County, Indiana, December 28, 1886. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Alvin S. Vincent, assisted by the groom's father, Rev. S. F. Thompson. She was the daughter of JOHN E. and ELIZA (KERRICH) LOGAN. Her father was born near Lexington, Kentucky, November 25, 1812. He removed with his parents to White County, Illinois,

in 1818, where he lived until 1832, when he moved to Decatur County, Indiana, and soon thereafter settled on a farm near Spring Hill, where he still resides. His life work has been that of a farmer. He has been an elder in the United Presbyterian Church for a great many years, has identified himself with all church work in interest and generous contributions, is progressive and aims to keep abreast of the age in which he lives. He has always sustained the reputation of an upright, godly man, and a useful, exemplary member of society. He is of Scotch-Irish descent.

He was married to Eliza Kerrich, in Union County, Indiana, October 10, 1843. She was born in Londen County, Virginia, April 29, 1816. When quite young, six or seven years of age, she removed with her parents to Union County, Indiana. Mrs. Logan made a profession of religion soon after her marriage, in the Spring Hill United Presbyterian Church, and lived thereafter a devoted Christian life. She was noted for her genial disposition and kindness of heart, and always maintained a firm hold on the affections of her children. Her death took place August 23, 1893, after a married life of only seven weeks less than fifty years. Her son, Rev. William W. Logan, has for several years done efficient work for the Master, on the Pacific Coast.

MRS. LILLIAN (LOGAN) THOMPSON, was born near Spring Hill, Decatur County, Indiana, July 24, 18—. In childhood she was remarkably winning and lovely, and carried these traits with her throughout life. Her education was obtained at Spring Hill, and in Monmouth College, at Monmouth, Illinois. She publicly professed Christ as her Savior at the Spring Hill United Presbyterian Church, when about seventeen years of age. From love to the Master she soon took a deep interest in religious work, very often attended conventions and took a leading part as occasion seemed to demand. Her deeds in life indi-

cated unmistakably her inward feeling: "To me to live is Christ." Accordingly she was highly esteemed and respected by all who knew her. Her good judgment and kindness of heart made her a general favorite.

Her career as a teacher of Public Schools, generally in the home neighborhood, was attended with marked success, both as an instructor and disciplinarian. Her naturally cheery, bright disposition drew her pupils very closely to her in sympathy and good-will. She continued in this work about six years; one of these as assistant teacher, with her brother, William, in the Academy at Sunbury, Butler County, Pennsylvania. Her home after her marriage was first at Chetopa, Kansas, where she at once took up Sabbath-school work and became very much endeared to the hearts of the people.

Her husband's relation to this congregation as pastor, though very pleasant, was only of a few months' duration, owing to his election by the *Board of Trustees of Tarkio College*, in the summer of 1887, as President of the College. This position, after due consideration and earnest prayer for Divine guidance, was accepted. In accordance with this decision, he was released from pastoral work at Chetopa, by his Presbytery, July 14, 1887. The following month he removed to Tarkio, Missouri, and immediately set about planning and preparing for college work. The Institution had but lately entered on its career of usefulness, and so very much depended on the President. The College opened in September with an increased number of students, though the attendance was still not large. The outlook was encouraging and quite satisfactory to all concerned. His wife was often consulted about college matters, and was doing all in her power to help things along. She had already become quite extensively acquainted in the place, and stood high as a woman of intelligence, good judgment, and force of character. But, alas for human hopes, early in Decem-

ber there were indications that her health was seriously giving way. The latter part of the month her condition became alarming. Her sister, Margaret Logan, came on from Spring Hill, Indiana, and watched over her and cared for her with all the true Christian tenderness of sisterly devotion. Even with this and all that medical skill could do, she calmly breathed her last, and her spirit ascended to its rest above, January 2, 1888, just a few days over one year after her marriage had taken place. In due time arrangements were made to convey the lifeless body to Spring Hill, Indiana, to be interred in the family Cemetery. On my arrival to attend the funeral, I found in the same room where stood the happy bride of a year before, her lifeless corpse enclosed in a casket for burial. Her looks were quite natural—almost life-like. Many of the same persons, too, were present. But joyousness had been changed into sadness. And what a change! Funeral services were held at the church the next day after my arrival, when, at their close, her body was quietly lowered in the grave just in the midst of a pouring rain. This made things appear additionally and inexpressibly sad. But, God be praised, there is a brighter future. The dead will rise again, incorruptible, and be changed into the likeness of Christ's glorified body.

Dr. William Johnston, for several years her pastor, in a brief memorial article, says: "For a little more than six months she was the wife of a pastor in Kansas, when her husband was called to the presidency of Tarkio College. Here she was heartily welcomed to the social circle and the Christian association of what bids fair to be a literary center. She had all the qualifications necessary to grace the position to which, with her husband, she was called, and entered upon that position with the sympathy of the community in her favor, and with her wonted determination to succeed. But she was permitted to occupy this position only a few short months, until, as we believe,

God took her to a higher position and a brighter circle in the kingdom above. She was one of the excellent ones of the earth, highly gifted by nature, refined by grace, and complete in Christ Jesus. Though friends may sit under the shadow of a great bereavement, yet hope can find a nesting bough even upon the weeping willow, and sing of resurrection and reconstruction, while faith can follow the redeemed spirit to that brighter world where there are no withered joys, no sundered ties, no sad farewells, no pain, no death."

Tarkio College has made substantial progress ever since the work was placed in charge of President J. A. Thompson. There has been an increase in the number of students from year to year, better facilities for work have been provided, and additions have been made to the teaching force as occasion demanded. The College stands high in the denomination, United Presbyterian, having it under control, and in the estimation of the public, in Missouri and adjoining States. It has been a grand success. The brightest hopes of those most interested and sanguine have been realized. There were difficulties to meet and overcome, just as the friends of the institution anticipated; prominent among which has been the question of finances. All new college enterprises come to understand what this means. Through all these struggles the College at Tarkio has had a firm, generous friend, in the person of HONORABLE DAVID RANKIN. He has come nobly to the rescue in every time of need. What he has done has encouraged and inspired others to take hold and give a helping hand. Without his continuous aid the College could not have been in existence to-day.

The College passed through a terribly *fiery trial*, early on Sabbath morning of January 17, 1892, when the building took fire and was burned to the ground. The wind was high and it was extremely cold. The flames were driven right into and through the building, and all efforts to save it were fruitless.

The whole community was moved as one man, and the prevailing sentiment was—the College must be re-built, and that without unnecessary delay. Early in the week a vigorous effort was made to raise funds for a new and better building. The effort was wisely planned, and proved to be eminently successful. A large amount was subscribed in Tarkio and vicinity, and then several persons were selected to seek assistance from abroad. A new and more advantageous site for the College was procured, and when the time came for school work to open in the fall, the new building, much more commodious and better adapted to college work, was ready for occupancy. Thus the burning of the College was a temporary loss, but a real benefit, even if it did require a severe struggle and become a test of true friendship for the institution. This movement necessarily called for close attention, and imposed additional work on the President—all of which was patiently borne and cheerfully given.

Since the above catastrophe took place, up to the present time, 1898, the College has made constant and encouraging progress. During these years it has grown to be on a parity with the best of the other colleges of the United Presbyterian Church. It is a growing institution. In its progress and up-building the wise policy planned and pursued by the President of the College has had much to do. A person in such a position and carrying on such a work successfully, must be a good judge of human nature, in close sympathy with the students, possess a good degree of judicious firmness, and be wise to prevent difficulties and sage to decide when troubles arise in connection with college work. He has shown himself to be in possession of these traits of character in no small degree. One intimately acquainted with the College and its work for years, well remarks :

“As a president and teacher in a college, nature seems to have endowed him with special ability. He has shown scholarly

attainment, manly dignity, and ability to govern and control students without seeming to do it, and so secure and retain the good will and co-operation of the students. Another very marked trait of character is, that when overruled in some project that he may have set his mind on, and something else substituted in its place by the college authorities, he carries out their plan with a cheerfulness, that unless one knew, they would think the plan had originated with himself. *But few men can do this.*"

The honorary title of D. D. was conferred on President Thompson by the Board of Trustees of Westminster College, Pennsylvania, in June, 1891.

His second marriage was with MISS LILLIE OLIVIA WOODLING. It took place at Beech City, near Massillon, Ohio, July 14, 1891. She is the daughter of AMOS and ELIZABETH WOODLING. Her parents are of German descent, but were both born in this country. They have one son and two daughters. Mr. Woodling has followed, quite successfully, the farming and stock raising business, for a great many years.

Miss Woodling was born at Beech City, Ohio, September 12, 1864. Concerning her younger years I have not been informed. Her High School education was obtained at Navarre, Ohio. She afterwards spent three years at Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio, taking a University course in connection with the study of music, in which she graduated creditably to herself in 1887. Being fond of music and having given its study a good deal of attention, soon after her graduation she took up the work of a teacher of music, first in Wooster and then in other places in Ohio. In 1889 she was elected by the Board of Trustees of Tarkio College, at Tarkio, Missouri, to take charge of the musical department of the College. This position being accepted, she entered on the discharge of its requirements in the month of October, following. This place she filled, and carried on its work quite successfully, for a period of two years. As in other

departments, so in this, better arrangements were made and better work was done from time to time as the years rolled along. She did excellent work in the musical department of the College. She resigned at the close of two years successful service, in June, 1891, to take up another line of work—the charge of a home.

Since her marriage to President J. A. Thompson, she has given close and careful attention to household duties; the interests of her children are affectionately regarded and looked after, and she is always ready to do her part in religious work and benevolent enterprises. She has identified herself, in her religious life and work, with the United Presbyterian Church of Tarkio, Missouri. Three very interesting children—all daughters—have been born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson.

1. MARY LYON. Born in Tarkio, Missouri, September 14, 1892. She is quite a fleshy, chubby little girl, and seems greatly to enjoy life. Why should she not? In the higher life above there is ever “fullness of joy.”

2. MARGARET LOGAN. Her birth took place in Tarkio, Missouri, on Christmas, December 25, 1893. A little “bud of promise” may she ever be under the Master’s care, and faithful in his service. She has become a very charming, lovable little girl.

3. ELIZABETH ELLEN. Born in Tarkio, Missouri, October 5, 1895. The poet, Wordsworth, says,

“Heaven lies about us in our infancy.”

May it be her future home when life’s great work is done—a child of heaven.

IV. JOHN GIVEN THOMPSON. Born at Ross’ Grove, Dekalb County, Illinois, about five miles northwest from Leland, March 21, 1862. He was a stirring, active, healthy boy, and



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one that seemed to enjoy his full share of life. His school-days began at Rock Island, Illinois, in the fall of 1868. He spent several months in 1869 with his grandfather Thompson, near Olena, Illinois, and had just a splendid time with his Uncle Joseph and Aunt Barbara on the farm. On our removal to Tennessee in the fall of 1869, his uncle would gladly have had him remain, but his parents did not think it best that he should do so. He took up school work at Dickson, Tennessee, as opportunity opened up. The schools were of an inferior grade, and funds to carry them on very scarce. The numerous academies started from time to time, he regularly attended, and, like the rest of the children, did some private study at home. A part of his time in summer was put in on the farm, in work in all its various phases. He was of an active, go-a-head disposition, both in business and recreation—one who greatly enjoyed social life. He was pleasant with his classmates and in his home life.

Early in life, November 21, 1874, he made a profession of religion in the United Presbyterian Church of Dickson, Tennessee, and has ever since given close attention to religious duties. He left home in September, 1880, teaching a Public School at Ellison, Illinois, during that winter, and entering on college work at Monmouth, Illinois, in the fall of 1881, in the Freshman class, with four years of careful application to study, ahead. He took up educational work with a zest, and was rather economical in his expenses. The latter part of May, 1884, he was stricken down with typhoid fever. When his condition became known, it was deemed best for him, by his physician and others, to be removed at once to his Aunt Jane Rankin's, near Biggsville, Illinois, where he was kindly and tenderly cared for by the family and other relatives in the neighborhood. He was brought to the very verge of the grave. For many days he seemed to be hanging between life and death. His mother came at once to his bedside, to give him the benefit

of a mother's affectionate care and sympathy. I was absent at the time in Kansas, and by delay of telegram, did not learn his condition until he was better. After long and protracted anxiety his disease gave way, and he slowly became restored to health. Several persons who waited on him were taken down with the same disease, but none so severely as he, and all recovered. He took a trip to his parental home in Tennessee, to recuperate, as soon as he was able to travel.

He again entered on his studies in the fall, and graduated from Monmouth College in June, 1885. Equipped now for life's chosen work—that of a teacher—his first year was put in teaching a Public Graded School at Coloma, Henderson County, Illinois, in which he is credited with doing excellent work.

In the summer of 1886 he was elected as Principal of Waitsburg Academy, at Waitsburg, Washington. This position having been accepted, he made necessary preparation for, and entered on its duties the following September. The enterprise was almost a new one. There was much to be done in securing scholars, and eventually in the erection of a suitable building. Things progressed favorably, new students came in, and so the friends of the institution were greatly encouraged at the close of the first year's work.

Soon after the close of school, PROFESSOR J. G. THOMPSON took a trip east as far as St. Louis, Missouri, where his marriage to MISS LYDIA M. REED took place at the home of her uncle, JOHN H. DUNLAP, June 1, 1887, the groom's father, Rev. S. F. Thompson officiating. She was the daughter of JOHN M. and MARGARET (MOORE) REED. A remote ancestor on her mother's side, Mr. Shepherd, was the proprietor of the town of Shepherdsville, Virginia, and a man of wealth. He was of English descent. Her great-great-uncle, William Moore, fought in the Revolutionary War, was taken prisoner at

Long Island and never thereafter heard from. Another ancestor lived in Ireland and fought in the Siege of Derry. On her paternal side her ancestors were of Scotch-Irish descent, but lived for a great many years in Pennsylvania, having come to this country at an early day.

LYDIA (REED) THOMPSON was born at Homer, Champaign County, Illinois, May 28, 1860. Her parents both died when she was young. After their death she made her home chiefly with her Grandfather Moore, at Granville, Illinois, and with her aunt, Emma Dunlap, in St. Louis, Missouri. Her education was obtained in the Public Schools of St. Louis, and in the Illinois State Normal, at Normal, Illinois. Three years of her life were spent in teaching in the Public Schools of her native State. She was employed a year as teacher in the Freedmen's Mission of the United Presbyterian Church, at Knoxville, Tennessee, making her home with her uncle, REV. S. B. REED, D. D. At the time of her marriage her church membership was with the First United Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, in which she was a faithful worker. Though her home duties require close and constant attention, she always aims to find time to look after the interests of the needy poor, and is ever ready to do her full share of work for Christ and his cause on the earth. She looks well to the interest of her children and knows how to be wisely economical. She is a small sized woman, usual weight about one hundred pounds, has dark eyes and hair, and is of a cheerful, lively disposition. Her home life, with its frequent changes, can be to some extent imagined, if not fully realized, in connection with the life work of her husband. She has shown herself equal to the task of meeting the varied ups and downs of life.

Their home after marriage was first at Waitsburg, Washington. Soon after his return the new academic building came up for decisive action. In this enterprise Professor Thompson

took a deep interest, and worked hard for its success. The chief difficulty lay in the lack of funds. After severe struggles and some delay, the building was at length completed and ready for occupancy in the spring of 1888. This, as might have been expected, infused new life into the work amongst the friends of the institution, as well as with its teachers and patrons. Things being in much better shape, the work kept making encouraging progress, and began to be favorably esteemed in all that region of country.

In the fall of 1889, after acting as principal of the Academy for three years, Professor Thompson resigned to accept the principalship of a new Academy opened up at Media, Henderson County, Illinois. Work in this new field was begun early in September following. Things had to be taken up from the start. Plans were laid for carrying on the work, a vigorous effort was made to obtain scholars, and so the school opened with a fair showing. The proximity to Monmouth College was something of a barrier in the way of obtaining students. Still the work was diligently prosecuted for a period of two years, with fair success.

In the fall of 1891 he resigned his position at Media Academy to spend a year in special study in the Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, and qualify himself for a higher grade of teaching. When his studies at the University were completed, which he found very pleasant and profitable, he obtained a position as instructor in mathematics in the University of Illinois, at Champaign. This place was filled by him for one year (1892-3). The following year he was employed as teacher, and took up special lines of study in the University of Missouri, at Columbia. In June, 1894, he was elected to the chair of Mathematics, by the Board of Directors of COOPER MEMORIAL COLLEGE, at Sterling, Kansas. In the coming fall he entered on his work in this new field. This college having only had an existence of

a few years, like a great many other western institutions, has had its difficulties to contend with; particularly in the direction of limited finances. Self-denial has been necessary on the part of the professors. Salaries were comparatively small, and a part of them paid off with notes at the end of each year. Accordingly, patience and hopefulness for a brighter future were the order of the day. Such has been Professor Thompson's experience the first few years of his work at Sterling, Kansas; but he will eventually receive his reward. The Institution is making commendable progress, and his part of the work is highly spoken of by the friends of the college. Professor J. G. Thompson is a large man, weighing over two hundred pounds; has dark hair and eyes, is six feet in height, and of a very cheerful, kindly disposition.

He was elected to the office of ruling elder while at Waitsburg, Washington, and that office he now holds in the United Presbyterian Church at Sterling, Kansas. He is an active, earnest worker, both in the church and in the college. He finds no occasion for time to drag heavily on his hands.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thompson, all bright, interesting boys.

1. PAUL DEAN. He was born at Waitsburg, Washington, April 26, 1888. When a mere boy he was very fond of stories, and made large demands on his parents in that line—story-telling. He was quite anxious to learn to read, that he might read them himself and not be dependent on others. He is at this time a scholar in the Public Schools of Sterling, and has made praiseworthy progress. His complexion is dark.

2. SAMUEL REED. Born at Media, Henderson County, Illinois, December 11, 1889. There is something, sometimes, in a name, tending to shape one's future life. Master Reed will do well in life if he excels, or even equals, his great-uncle, Dr. S. B. Reed, after whom he has been named. He has made a

good start in Public School work. To be good and great are worthy of life's great aim. He is of light complexion.

3. PHILIP EDWARD. His birth took place at Sterling, Kansas, June 11, 1896—the day of the college commencement. He seems to be a healthy, vigorous child, weighing, when six months old, about twenty pounds.

V. DAVID WALLACE THOMPSON. He was born while we were living with my father, near Stronghurst, Henderson County, Illinois, March 26, 1864. He was named after Dr. D. A. Wallace, at that time President of Monmouth College. Dysentery prevailed among children as a kind of epidemic, the latter part of the summer, and he was taken down in August, lingered along for several weeks, until finally death took place on Sabbath about 4 P. M., September 18, 1864, when five months and twenty-three days old. He was taken to the Cemetery at the Somonauk United Presbyterian Church in Dekalb County, Illinois, for interment, that he might be buried by the side of his brother, William Howard. He was called away from earth early in life, to develop the powers God had given him in a higher sphere and with more favorable surroundings. "Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face."

VI. EMMA JANE THOMPSON. Born at Zion's Grove, Carroll County, Illinois, April 6, 1866. Being the only daughter in the family, she was made something of a pet in early life, and received careful, kind attention. A little more than two years after her birth her parents moved to Rock Island, Illinois, and a year later, to Dickson, Dickson County, Tennessee. In due time, her educational work in the Public Schools of an inferior grade commenced, followed by attendence in an academy, poorly equipped for carrying on such work. She gave commendable attention to her school work, was helpful to her



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mother at home, and early in life, May 8, 1880, made a public profession of Christ as her Savior, in the United Presbyterian Church at Dickson, Tennessee.

She spent two years in study in Geneva College, at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, making her home with her brother, Professor E. P. Thompson. Her college work received persistent and careful attention. She also took lessons in music. She had given some attention to music at home, but not under first-class teachers. She was a student at Geneva in 1885-6, and, after a year's absence, again in 1887-8. In the winter of 1889-90 she taught a select school at Nails Creek, Tennessee, a term of three months, receiving \$20 per month, and boarding around, according to custom, among the different families—free. She did faithful work, and all concerned seemed well satisfied with the school.

On leaving Tennessee with her parents, in March, 1890, she spent several weeks with them very pleasantly in visiting among relatives at Beaver Falls and Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and also in Henderson County, Illinois. She arrived, early in July, with her mother, in Tarkio, Missouri, where her brother Joseph lived, and where her parents had decided to make their future home. She entered Tarkio College, in the fall of 1890, and after two years of attentive study, graduated with credit to herself, in June, 1892. Her mother having died February 15, 1891, after an illness of but a few days, the last year of her college work she very kindly and carefully kept house for her father and younger brother Charles. Things were planned, however, for her to have as little work as possible to do.

Since the close of her college work her time has been occupied in household duties, keeping house for her father, up to the time her brother Charles closed his college work, in June, 1895. She has for several years been a member of the Young Ladies Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church

of Tarkio. She is also a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She has been surrounded with good society and has had all the advantages, literary and social, of a cultured college town.

The commencement week at Tarkio, in June, 1895, marked the closing up of college work of all my children; my youngest son, Charles, having just completed the regular college course. On the eve of this event all my plans were laid to break up housekeeping in Tarkio. Accordingly, soon after college closed, I left for Oxford, Ohio, where I expected soon to re-enter the marriage relation and make my future home. Soon after commencement, Emma spent several weeks very pleasantly in visits at the homes of her brothers—John, at Sterling, Kansas, and Pressly, at Colorado Springs, Colorado. It was understood, however, that her home, for a time, would be with her brother Joseph, in Tarkio. Hence, after her return from her visiting tour, she lived with him, giving such help as she could in household duties, until the following May, when her arrangements were completed for a home of her own.

EMMA'S MARRIAGE.

She was married to DR. WILLIAM A. McCLANAHAN, at the home of her brother, J. A. Thompson, D. D., in Tarkio, Missouri, at 8 P. M., May 7, 1896. To her brother was assigned the honor of performing the marriage ceremony. Owing to the ill health of my wife at the time, I was not able to be present. The invited guests were mostly relatives of the bride and groom. Wm. A. McClanahan is the son of MONROE ROBENTILE and MARY ISABELLA (STRUTHERS) McCLANAHAN. His father was born in Brown County, Ohio, in 1844. His mother was born in Warren County, Illinois. They were of Scotch-Irish descent. He was born in Warren County, Illinois, January 26, 1867. His literary education was obtained in the Public Schools of the

county. He graduated in 1891, after a three years' course in the Veterinary department of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. He remained the following year in this institution in the capacity of a teacher.

He spent two years, 1893-4, as a veterinary surgeon in Tarkio, Missouri, where he first became acquainted with my daughter Emma, who afterwards became his wife. After a few weeks of careful study in the Highland Park Pharmacy School, at Des Moines, Iowa, in November, 1896, he was registered as a Pharmacist. In the spring of 1895 he removed to Redding, Iowa, to open up a drug store, in connection with his professional work.

On Saturday after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. McClanahan left Tarkio, Missouri, for their new home in Redding.

“Bride and Bridegroom, pilgrims of life, henceforward to travel together,
In this the beginning of your journey, neglect not the favor of Heaven:
And at eventide kneel ye together, that your joy be not unhallowed.

—If ye will be happy in marriage,
Confide, love, and be patient; be faithful, firm, and holy.”

They have wisely started out in life in a modest, unpretentious way, hoping, as the years pass along, to be able to improve and thus to rise from a lower to a higher plane, and with ever increasing comforts. They are both helpful, working members of the United Presbyterian Church of the village in which they reside, and are anxious for its prosperity and up-building, not unmindful of the promise,

“They shall prosper that love thee.”

Mr. McClanahan has been intimately associated with the Young People's work of the Church, and is at the present time the efficient Sabbath-school Superintendent of the United Presbyterian Church, at Redding, Iowa.

VII. PRESSLY THOMPSON. Born at Zion's Grove, Carroll County, Illinois, near the United Presbyterian Church of Camp Creek, August 12, 1868. His childhood days were spent at Rock Island, Illinois, and Dickson, Tennessee. At Dickson he obtained his primary education in such Public Schools as the town at that time afforded—not by any means first-class. He also put in several terms in academic work. He was generally kept busy at work on his father's farm, when schools were not in session. When about fourteen years of age, in 1882, he made a profession of religion, and was received into membership in the United Presbyterian Church, at Dickson, Tennessee.

He left home August 27, 1887, to take up educational work in Geneva College, at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. He boarded with his brother, Professor E. P. Thompson. He remained a student in this institution a period of two years. The first summer vacation he engaged in work in the Carnegie Rolling Mills at Beaver Falls, receiving \$1.50 per day and working half the time at night. At the close of his second year of college work, he returned to his parental home at Dickson, Tennessee. His time was occupied in selling stereoscopes and views, working a little, occasionally, on the farm, and in the pleasures of social life—the latter being the more enjoyable.

In the fall of 1889 he went to Biggsville, Henderson County, Illinois, and taught a six months term of Public School in the Rankin District, taking up college work with the Junior class at Monmouth, Illinois, at the opening of the spring term. When college closed, after his first term's work, he spent his vacation working on a farm for his cousin, Edgar D. Rankin, near Biggsville. This was somewhat trying, after being shut up so long in-doors, but he kept at work and stood the test quite successfully.

When the time came to take hold of his last year's college work, he set in with the determination of making the most of



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his time, and of leaving college well equipped for the struggle before him in life. While at Monmouth he became very much interested in the different lines of church work. With the Christian Endeavor movement he was in full sympathy, and gave it his hearty co-operation. This he found to be a great help to him, after entering on the work of the ministry. There was an important matter before him for serious consideration, when about through college, that gave him some trouble to decide—*the choice of a profession*. He had often thought of and talked about the study of law as his life work. He finally came to the conclusion to try, at least temporarily, what he could do in *Journalism*. At his earnest solicitation a county paper, published in Tarkio, Missouri, *The Tarkio Avalanche*, was purchased by his father, and arrangements were made for him to enter on work in this new field, soon after college commencement. His graduation at Monmouth College took place, with credit to himself, June 11, 1891. He was *the fourth son* to graduate at the above institution.

According to plans previously formed, about the middle of June he came on to Tarkio, Missouri, and entered on a business at once, the greater part of which was entirely new to him. The work commenced and progressed favorably, but after a few months' trial a change of mind brought him to the conclusion that he ought to enter the ministry. This determination was the result of influences brought about by the death of his mother in 1891, and led to a crisis through a very earnest letter received from his much respected pastor, Dr. T. H. Hanna, of Monmouth, Illinois. Though having reached this determination, yet he proposed to remain a year or longer, if so desired, with the paper. His father concluded, however, that it would be best for him to commence his seminary work at an early day. Accordingly, after about three months' connection with the paper, he ceased working in the office, and left Tarkio about the

first of September, 1891, for study in the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary, at Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He pursued the regular prescribed three year course of study, graduating April 26, 1894. In summer vacations his time was fully occupied in regular preaching services and other associated work. The first vacation he spent in the United Presbyterian congregation of Mifflin, Pennsylvania; the second, at Service, Iowa, near Albia, where he did good work for the Master, and has left behind very pleasant memories with the people for whose benefit he labored.

He was licensed to preach by the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Allegheny, May 2, 1893. Very soon after his graduation he was urgently requested to preach at Colorado Springs, Colorado, the congregation being without a pastor. He began to labor in this interesting field, the second Sabbath of May, 1894. After a few weeks close, energetic work among this people, he received a hearty and unanimous call to become their pastor. This call, after due deliberation, was accepted. His ordination to the work of the ministry and the installation services as pastor, by the Presbytery of Colorado, took place at Colorado Springs, August 28, 1894. He entered at once on his work in this new relation with the deep, heartfelt prayer and earnest desire for a pleasant, successful pastorate.

HIS MARRIAGE.

REV. PRESSLY THOMPSON, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Colorado Springs, Colorado, was married to MISS EDITH POLLOCK, at the home of her parents, near Cedarville, Ohio, October 4, 1894. The ceremony was performed by her pastor, Rev. J. C. Warnock, assisted by Rev. W. H. Anderson, of Garner, Iowa. Edith Pollock is the daughter of JAMES WALLACE and JEANETTE (ANDERSON) POLLOCK, and was born in Xenia, Ohio, September 22, 1870. Her father was

born on a farm near Huntsville, Logan County, Ohio. There were eight children in his father's family. In July, 1862, he enlisted in the 45th Ohio regiment of mounted infantry, for three years, or during the war. He was fourteen months of this time a rebel prisoner, and had some quite bitter experiences in prison life. When captured he was in perfect health. He was imprisoned at Pemberton, Belle Isle, Andersonville, Charlestown and Florence, South Carolina. Four months after his capture his weight had fallen from one hundred and seventy pounds to eighty-three, through exposure and starvation. Life became an almost hopeless burden to him. At this juncture the providential arrival of a box of food and clothing from friends at home saved his life. Twice he made attempts to escape, but was both times re-captured—once by blood hounds, the marks of whose teeth he still carries with him.

Mr. Pollock has for many years been a faithful ruling elder in the United Presbyterian Church, of Cedarville, Ohio. He is a man of much more than ordinary energy in business enterprises, and shows the same traits in his activities in work for the Church. He has for six years been County Commissioner of Green County, and for some time President of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture.

Mrs. Pollock was born on the farm on which she now resides, as was her father, Samuel Anderson. The children are the *fourth generation* born and raised on the same farm; a rather unusual thing in this time of frequent changes. She obtained her education at Xenia Ladies' Seminary, and at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois. She has exhibited true devotion to her home, and has labored faithfully for the comfort and benefit of her family. She has always been unpretending and modest, and yet her influence for good in the congregation and in the community in which she lives, is equaled by few, and, it is believed, not excelled by any. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock are of

Scotch-Irish descent, a class that stands high, and worthily too, in the estimate of all right-minded people. They have two younger daughters still at home—Misses Jennie and Junia.

EDITH (POLLOCK) THOMPSON pursued educational work for quite a number of years at Cedarville, Ohio, before entering College at Monmouth, Illinois. Her work at Monmouth College commenced in September, 1888, and continued until June, 1891—a period of three years. Her college days and work were greatly enjoyed, not alone in the opportunities afforded for social pleasures, but in the cultivation of the mind and heart as well. She has traits of character that are quite prominent. From her earliest childhood she has been a loving, obedient daughter. For her parents, teachers and aged persons, she has ever shown great respect, and has always manifested special regard for the feelings of others. In her association with others she is straight-forward, thoughtful and conscientious. She has ever been ready to act faithfully her part in efforts that may be devised to advance the cause of Christ. She is blessed with a good share of energy and courage, so important in home life and in work for the Master. These traits of her character she has honestly and largely inherited from her parents. Godly lives and upright conduct impress themselves on the minds and hearts of children. Heredity may be good or evil; may tend to the elevation or lowering of character. A genuine Christian home tells powerfully on the lives of the children from one generation to another.

There is much that is interesting about a young couple, bound together by the most tender ties of affection, entering on life's great work with bright prospects before them, their minds well cultivated and their hearts aglow with love to Christ and for the perishing. The record of their lives can not be written now, but when life's work is done and the result announced by an unerring hand, may we not indulge the hope that it may be,

"well done, good and faithful servants; enter into the joy of your Lord." Up to this date, 1898, the work at Colorado Springs has been carried on with marked success. The congregation has become self-supporting, its members have increased, and its contributions for the Boards of the Church are larger. Pastor and people may well feel and say truthfully and heartily, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." His home is at No. 123 South Weber Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is quite tall and rather slender in build, his height being six feet and four inches. Two children have been born to these parents.

1. WILEUR POLLOCK. Born at Colorado Springs, Colorado, October 3, 1895. He is a fine, healthy, interesting child, and very dear to the parental heart.

"Hold the little hands in prayer, teach the week knees their kneeling;
Let him see thee speaking to thy God; he will not forget it afterward."

2. HAROLD GIVEN. Born at Colorado Springs, Colorado, March 30, 1897.

"Another little wave upon the sea of life,
Another soul to save amid its toil and strife;
Two more little feet to walk the dusty road,
To choose where two paths meet—the narrow and the broad;
Two more little hands to work for good or ill;
Two more little eyes, another little will;
Another heart to love, receiving love again;
And so the baby came, a thing of joy and pain."

VIII. INFANT DAUGHTER. Born at Dickson, Tennessee, at 9 P. M., July 14, 1870. Died in the early morning of the 15th, at 12.30 A. M., living only about three and one-half hours. She was buried in the Union Cemetery—the only one of the family interred in that Graveyard. With an existence here of but a moment as it were, she passed on to "the better land."

IX. CHARLES HENRY THOMPSON, the youngest member of the family, was born at Dickson, Tennessee, August 13, 1873. He is the only member of the family born and raised in the south. Like the rest of the children, he was early sent to the Public Schools, the terms being quite short, but in accordance with the existing state of things in Tennessee at that period. When sufficiently advanced he attended the Academies, which, like mushrooms, sprung into existence from time to time. When a mere boy he had business transactions of his own with the colored people, with whom he became quite a favorite. Being quite active and stirring, he assisted in the sale of farm products, and sometimes took subscriptions for papers with some profit to himself. He also had quite an extensive experience while at home, with farm work, but it could not honestly be said that he was ever very fond of it.

When quite young he made a profession of religion in the United Presbyterian congregation of Dickson, Tennessee, in or about the year 1886, where all the children professed Christ and were received into church fellowship. A consecrated life is a matter of infinite importance to each young life—the feeling that, in the future, “for to me to live is *Christ*.” Among his associates he was a general favorite, and hence his companionship was very generally sought, and greatly enjoyed. In disposition he was lively and cheerful. He had a vigorous constitution and was usually in good health.

In September, 1889, he left home to take up college work in Tarkio College, at Tarkio, Missouri. He roomed with his brother, Rev. J. A. Thompson, the President of the College. He commenced work in the junior year of the Preparatory department, making it necessary for him to spend six years in his collegiate course of study—two years longer than any of the rest of the family. His special effort while in college was put forth in the line of elocution. He took great delight in public



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speaking, and spared no pains in order to excel. In this he has been quite successful. He has become a very fine speaker. In a literary society contest he won a gold medal. On three occasions he was chosen to represent the *Athenian* Literary Society of Tarkio College in inter-society contests, and in the two more important ones, oration and debate, he carried off the palm of victory—the decision of the judges being in his favor. The members of his society were well pleased with the result. His college life, as a student, closed at the annual commencement, June 13, 1895, when a little short of twenty-two years of age.

Since his graduation he has found great difficulty in obtaining profitable employment in which he could engage for a time. On two occasions he gave up positions in Chicago that were fairly good, because, after a time, he was required to do regular work on the Lord's Day. In this he was right, and his prompt decision in the matter is worthy of hearty Christian commendation. He has latterly been in the employ of The Tarkio Electric Light Company, making his home with his brother, Dr. Thompson. In the fall of 1897, he commenced a three years' course of law study in Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, to prepare himself to enter the legal profession. He has good business talent, and there is no apparent reason why he should not make a success of his choice of life's work. In politics he is a pronounced Republican. He is interested in the Young People's work in the church of Christ, attending conventions, and helpful as the way may be opened up and as duty may seem to require. Hoping that he may always be a man of integrity and uprightness, I can truly say, as his only living parent, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." Ever guided by wisdom from above,

"The keen spirit
Seizes the prompt occasion, makes the thought
Start into instant action, and at once
Plans and performs, resolves and executes."

He had a pleasant home with his parents, after their removal to Tarkio in 1890, until the death of his dear mother, February 15, 1891. After her death he lived with his father and sister Emma, until his college work closed, June 13, 1895. Shortly after his graduation the dear old home was closed up, not without feelings of sadness and regret.

Closing Personal History—S. F. Thompson.

I now turn back to the time of my wife's death, February 15, 1891, to take up and trace my own history to the present, early in 1898. Her death occurred only a few months after moving into our new, comfortable and pleasant home in Tarkio, Missouri. We had lived together very pleasantly in married life almost thirty-six years. She was of a sympathetic, kindly disposition, and a true, devoted, intelligent, Christian wife and mother. Her sudden death was a serious loss and was keenly felt; and her memory is sacredly cherished still. To understand the indescribable sense of *loneliness* that comes over a husband or wife, under such circumstances, one must have the experience of having passed through the trial. After the occurrence of this sad event, my time for several weeks was spent quietly at home. My son, Rev. J. A. Thompson, who had for some time previous made his home with us, remained with us still. This, under the circumstances, was very pleasant.

On the 16th of May, 1891, for reasons given elsewhere in the history of my son Pressly, I came into the possession of *The Tarkio Avalanche*, a county newspaper, published in Tarkio, Atchison County, Missouri. It had always been Democratic in politics, but was moderate in tone and stood well in the community. When it came into my hands it was changed, and run on the independent line. The business was entirely new to me, but I took hold of the work with the feeling—"never too late, or too old, to learn," though I was then sixty-three years of age. As

previously arranged, Pressly, after his graduation at Monmouth, Illinois, came on to Tarkio and commenced work on the paper. He learned the business rapidly, and did good work for the paper as long as he continued with it. Having decided to enter the ministry as his life work, his work on journalism closed about the first of September, 1891, when he left for the United Presbyterian Seminary in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. This turn in the tide of events left the paper entirely in my hands. Not understanding the business, I was very dependent on the judgment of the foreman for the purchase of material, and setting prices on work to be done. Under such circumstances I could not reasonably expect the paper to be largely remunerative. I gave close attention to it, however, myself, learned many things about it, and derived some profit from it. After a year or two's trial, I found that I had better dispose of the business as soon as I could without sustaining serious loss. Accordingly, I effected a fair sale in October, 1893, to a reliable man and an experienced journalist—T. T. Wilson. My loss in the sale of the property was light, as well as the gain during my ownership. I learned a lesson, however, from experience, that will be of some advantage to me through life.

After the sale of *The Tarkio Avalanche*, I preached around in various places as the way opened up, being generally at home through the week. I put in a good deal of my time, very pleasantly and profitably, too, in reading suitable literature and books. The summer of 1894 was mostly spent in visiting relatives—my son, Professor E. P. Thompson, at Oxford, Ohio, a number of cousins in and around Mansfield, Ohio, and in the neighborhood of Stronghurst, Illinois, where the most of my brothers and sisters lived at the time.

I have had some difficulty about *hearing well* for a few years past, but nothing very serious, until the summer and fall of 1894. The latter part of October I went to Omaha, Ne-

braska, placed myself under the care of a specialist, Dr. J. C. Bryant, and followed up his treatment for months, without deriving any known benefit therefrom. He pronounced the trouble "chronic inflammation of the middle ear"—catarrhal. Early in 1895 I began to find that I was being shut out from much of the enjoyment of social life—that I was fast assuming from necessity a kind of *hermit life* in the very midst of society.

The idea of writing a *Family History* had been in my mind for several years, but simply as something that might receive attention at a future period. The matter was not taken hold of until the latter part of 1893, and then but little was done. A vast amount of correspondence was found necessary, in order to procure items and statements for use in the history. I was anxious to have things as full, complete and reliable as possible, and to this end I spared no pains. I commenced to write the latter part of 1894, and kept closely at the work until March 14, 1895, when the history was completed up to that date. It was still necessary, however, to obtain some additional items, to re-view and entirely re-write. This still required the writing of a large number of letters, and a great deal of careful, pains-taking labor. Here the matter necessarily rested for a period of over eighteen months.

My Second Marriage.

All the children being now college graduates, and the home at Tarkio broken up, soon after commencement, June 13, 1895, I repaired to Oxford, Ohio, to enter the marriage relation with MISS MARY ALVINA JOHNSON. The wedding took place at her home in Oxford, at 8 P. M., June 27, 1895, Dr. J. R. Brittain being the officiating clergyman. A few special friends, only, were invited to be present and witness the ceremony. She is the daughter of EBENEZER STIMPSON and SARAH (RUGLESS) JOHNSON. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, July 4,

1810. Nothing is known by the writer about his father's family, except that he had a brother, Edward, who was married and had three children; and a sister, Louisa, who was twice married.

E. S. Johnson was married to MISS SARAH RUGLESS at Monroe, Butler County, Ohio, June 13, 1837. In October following he moved to Amanda, in the same county, where he engaged in the dry goods and grocery business, and bought and sold grain in large quantities. He had good business talent, gave close attention to his work, and so was quite successful. Mr. Johnson never made a profession of religion, but in business transactions he was considered a man of integrity and uprightness, and stood high in the community in which he lived. His death took place quite suddenly at his home in Amanda, October 3, 1855. He was buried in the Monroe Cemetery. In his death his family sustained a heavy loss. He left property which, if it had been honestly turned over to his family, and properly managed, would have comfortably maintained them through life. He had a partner in business at the time of his death, and the family always felt that through him and others, they did not get a fair showing. It is, too, often hard for *women* to maintain their rights. The weak are so often imposed on.

Mrs. Johnson was the daughter of JAMES and ELIZABETH RUGLESS, and was born, like her husband, on Independence day, July 4, 1817, near Red Buck, between Blue Ball and Monroe, Butler County, Ohio. Her father was born in Kentucky, May 17, 1767, and died at Monroe, Ohio, in 1822. He was a farmer. Her mother's maiden name was WILSON. She was born in Pennsylvania, March 26, 1778. Her death took place October 7, 1854. Their marriage took place in 1802. They were members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Seven children were born to them, as follows:

I. SAMUEL RUGLESS. Born February 20, 1803. Nothing further concerning his life is known to the writer.

II. MARY RUGLESS. Born November 5, 1804. She was married to James Hindman, September 18, 1833, who lived at Twenty Mile Stand, Warren County, Ohio. His death took place October 10, 1848. She died July 3, 1856. They were members of the Sycamore Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Six children were born to them.

1. ELIZABETH. Born October 5, 1834. She was married to JOSEPH RALSTON, and lives at Twenty Mile Stand, Ohio. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. They have two children.

(1). JENNIE. Married to Mr. Bryant and lives at Middletown, Ohio.

(2). BLANCHE. At home with her parents, Twenty Mile Stand, Ohio.

2. JOHN CALVIN. Born September 27, 1836. Died February 6, 1851.

3. SAMUEL HINDMAN. Born March 5, 1839. He is married and lives at Morrow, Warren County, Ohio. He is engaged in the business of an undertaker. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Two children have been born to them.

(1). GAY.

(2). LILLIAN LUDLUM. They are both living at the parental home, and have had commendable mention.

4. SARAH ANN. She was born February 26, 1841. Her home is with her sister, Mrs. Joseph Ralston, at Twenty Mile Stand, Ohio. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

5. JAMES. Born November 14, 1842. He is married and lives at Loveland, Hamilton County, Ohio. He has one child.

(1). MABEL HAWTHORN.

6. DAVID WILSON. Born August 8, 1844. He has entered married life and lives at Mainville, Warren County, Ohio. He has two children, JOSEPH and LULU. Their home is with their parents at Mainville.

III. MARTHA L. RUGLESS. Born September 12, 1806. She entered married life with J. L. HAMILL. He lived in Monroe, Ohio, for many years, keeping a general stock of merchandise in a dry-goods store. He moved a good many years ago to Keokuk, Iowa, where he has since been lost sight of by the relations here. She died May 7, 1828. They were members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

IV. WILLIAM RUGLESS. Born April 14, 1809. His death occurred in 1846. He was unmarried.

V. ELIZABETH RUGLESS. Born October 14, 1811. She was married to THOMAS FINNEY April 15, 1835. He was born in Pennsylvania, and lived on a farm after his marriage about two miles from Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, where all the children were born. He died August 3, 1854. Her death took place July 20, 1860. They were members of the United Presbyterian Church. They were the happy parents of eight children.

1. MARTHA ANN. Born March 3, 1836. She was married to ALEXANDER GROOMS, December 31, 1867. They live at Sixteen Mile Stand, Ohio, and are members of the United Presbyterian Church, of Sycamore. Two children have been born to them.

(1). ISELLA.

(2). GEORGE ELLISON.

2. SARAH ELIZABETH. Born August 26, 1837. Died May 5, 1839.

3. MARY JANE. Born July 4, 1839. Death came to her April 17, 1861.

4. PETER MONFORT. Born June 8, 1841. He was married to MISS HARRIET THORNELL, February 1, 1866. He is an elder in the Sycamore United Presbyterian Church, of which his wife is also a member. He lives at Sixteen Mile Stand, Ohio. They are the parents of six children. Three have passed on to the better land—an INFANT, ENOS WALTER and ANNIE E. DAVID E., HARRY C. and FRANK W. are the living members of the family. David is married and lives at Sixteen Mile Stand, Ohio.

5. THOMAS PATTERSON. Born March 19, 1843. His death took place January 19, 1868.

6. MARGARET MELISSA. Born April 12, 1845. She was married to HAMILTON GROOMS, January 13, 1870. They had one son, EMERSON, who died when young. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church. Their post-office address is Hazlewood, Hamilton County, Ohio.

7. INFANT SON. Born July 16, 1847. Died October 14, 1847.

8. JAMES WILSON. He was born September 19, 1849. He entered the marriage relation with MISS LIZZIE DALRYMPLE, December 29, 1870. Two quite interesting daughters have been born to them.

(1). FLORENCE G.

(2). MELISSA PEARL.

Mr. Finney lives on a farm near Sharonville, Hamilton County, Ohio. He also takes contracts for the construction of roads and bridges.

VI. JAMES RUGLESS. Born March 6, 1814, and died in 1822.

VII. SARAH RUGLESS, the youngest of the family, and mother of MARY ALVINA JOHNSON, my second wife, was born July 4, 1817. At the age of eighteen she made a profession of religion in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, of Mount Pleasant, Ohio. Her home seems to have been on a farm near Monroe, Ohio, until the time of her marriage to E. S. JOHNSON, June 13, 1837. Her almost entire married life was passed at Amanda, Butler County, Ohio. Her husband's death occurred October 3, 1855. In 1861 the family moved to Oxford, Ohio, that they might take advantage of the excellent educational facilities the town afforded. Mrs. Johnson now felt that there were grave responsibilities resting on her regarding her children. This manifest interest in their behalf drew her daughters very affectionately toward their mother, and she had a wonderful influence over them. The death of her daughter Lou, June 30, 1887, was a terrible blow to her. She became so prostrated over it that her system never rallied. About a year before her death she received a paralytic stroke, and was never able to walk a step afterward without the help of others. To make things still worse, she received a fearful burn on one of her lower limbs, December 23, 1892, which caused her severe suffering. This was borne patiently, and she was kindly and tenderly cared for by her only surviving daughter, Mary. When she had pretty well recovered from the effects of the burn, she had a second stroke of paralysis, causing her death about a week later, on March 29, 1893.

Though, on account of her bodily health, she was not able to attend the place of worship regularly on the Sabbath, for several years before her death, yet her mind was steadfastly fixed on Christ as her Savior, and she ever maintained "a good hope through grace," that spiritually all was well with her. It has well been said, by one who knew her well, referring to her death:—"One very kind and helpful to the poor, a good

neighbor, a true, kind friend, and an earnest Christian woman has passed to her reward."

To her only living daughter, Mary Alvina, the stroke seemed almost too heavy to be borne. To make her situation still more trying, she had not as yet, herself, given her heart to Christ, or made a public profession of his name. She now began to fully realize, that to enter the joys of heaven herself, she must have the same precious faith in Christ in which her mother lived and died. The funeral services of Mrs. Johnson were conducted by her pastor, Dr. J. R. Brittain, when her body was laid at rest in the family lot of the Cemetery at Monroe.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Johnson—one son and four daughters.

I. INFANT SON. Born April 5, 1838. Still-born.

II. ELIZABETH MARTHA. Born November 16, 1839. Her death took place July 8, 1840.

III. SARAH AGNES. Born January 19, 1842. Died September 13, 1842.

IV. LOUISA RUGLESS JOHNSON. She was born at Amanda, Butler County, Ohio, July 19, 1844. She grew up to be unusually large—tall and fleshy, with apparently a vigorous constitution. She pursued her advanced education in the Oxford Female Institute, at Oxford, Ohio, at which in due time she graduated, and at once entered on the profession of a teacher, which was kept up for eighteen years of her life. She taught twelve years in the Public Schools of Oxford. While she always strove to be faithful as a teacher, she excelled in the special work of *character building*, striving by both precept and example to inculcate right moral principles. By her kind

words and warm sympathy, she succeeded in winning many over to the path of rectitude, and will be welcomed on the shining shore by loving pupils who will meet her there. She was an earnest lover and advocate of truth, justice, temperance, and every other Christian virtue. In several instances she wrote letter after letter, for many months, to persons who had fallen into intemperate habits, with the sole view of reclaiming them from the terrible evil into which, in an evil hour, they had become ensnared. With what result the Lord only knows. But kindness, sympathy and earnest prayer are not put forth in vain. For the poor and the wayward she had great practical sympathy.

She developed special talent as an artist; becoming so fascinated over its study and practice, that by close application and late hours, it is believed she seriously injured her health, if her days on earth were not thereby shortened. Miss Johnson's idea of life practically was,

“We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.”

She made a profession of religion in the Oxford United Presbyterian congregation in 1881, and soon after became a faithful teacher in the Sabbath-school and a zealous worker in the church. Her faith in her Savior upheld and comforted her in many seasons of weariness, sickness and sorrow. On the day of her death, as often during life, she talked of this faith and her assured hope of heaven. She selected as the text for her funeral sermon, the beautiful words of the Prophet Isaiah: “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee.”

Her death occurred at sunset on Thursday, June 30, 1887. Thus the day of existence had drawn to a close, her sun had set,

as we trust, with the welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant—enter into the joy of thy Lord."

"She is not dead,
But gone to that school
Where she no longer needs our sympathy,
And Christ himself doth rule."

She was interred in the family Cemetery at Monroe.

V. MARY ALVINA JOHNSON. Born at Amanda, Butler County, Ohio, May 3, 1848. She was the youngest of the family, and during childhood was feeble and sickly. When she had grown to womanhood she had the choice given her between a college and a musical education. Having a musical ear, she had a decided preference for the latter; but it seemed to be necessary that so much of her time be occupied in home duties, that the object of her choice was never fully carried out. Her higher education, however, was not neglected, as she attended Oxford Female College several terms. She was a fine correspondent, kept an interesting diary for several years, and has left a very nice written statement of her own conversion.

Her early life was evidently, to too great an extent, a life of pleasure, with plain indications in her diary that it was very often mingled with disappointment and sadness. Her own statement with reference to the matter is: "I am not always as light-hearted as the world sees me; and often when I am the gayest, I feel most lonely and sad. They tell me I am deceptions, and I do not deny it; for I have learned what it is to smile and seem perfectly happy, when, oh! it is so hard, sometimes, to keep back the tears that will come to my eyes; but they are never suffered to fall. A strong, unbending will forces them back, and I laugh and chat as though the world were all one long, bright summer day. But it is not always so, for sometimes I do feel happy; oh, so happy for a while! and then again

I feel almost as if no one cared for me, and am perfectly miserable. 'Into each life some rain must fall, some days be dark and dreary'; and so I will try to be happy and thankful for the many blessings I have." It is needless to say that she was not at this time a professing Christian.

Her sister Lou's protracted sickness taxed her bodily strength of endurance to its utmost capacity. But whether it were her sister or mother needing care, the same untiring attention was kindly and cheerfully given. She always proved herself to be a faithful and affectionate sister and a most devoted daughter. When death came to her sister in 1887, it was a terrible blow to her. After several long, weary months of watchfulness and nursing, the death of her mother followed in March, 1893. As the only remaining member of the family, she was then left alone in the world. As might be expected, she was borne down with feelings of inexpressible sadness and overwhelming sorrow. Her grief was intensified by the fact, that up to this period she had neglected her personal salvation. At this critical moment her mother's pastor, Dr. J. R. Brittain, came to her relief; called on her frequently, and kindly and tenderly urged on her the solemn obligation of attending religious services in the house of God, and of publicly professing Christ. To these she cheerfully complied, soon yielded her heart to Christ, and was received into membership in the United Presbyterian Church of Oxford, Ohio, October 12, 1893. In regard to this profession, she says in the written statement of her conversion: "I am much happier since I tried to do right, and have come out and professed Christ, than I ever thought it possible to be. I knew before mother's death that I was not living right, and when I knew she could not live, I was walking the floor and saying, 'I can't give her up,' and praying that I might die, when the words seemed spoken in my ear: 'You are not prepared.' I stopped as if paralyzed; I could not move

for a moment. Surely that was being brought face to face with God."

A little more than two years from the time of her mother's death, our marriage took place. This placed her in pleasant home relations and companionship, and from that time her terribly lonely, solitary life ceased. Our time through the summer was occupied in the oversight of extensive repairs on her house in Oxford, where we had decided to live. Time passed pleasantly, though we had discomforts to endure, and we were very thankful when things were fully straightened up in the fall. We now had a nice, comfortable home, which we very much enjoyed.

But there was one thing that marred our peace and filled us with alarm. A terrible disease had set in—cancer in her left breast. The doctor assured us from time to time that he could effect a cure, and that things were progressing favorably, but still the disease made slow but constant progress. For over eight months it required careful dressing three times a day, and I waited on her all the time myself, until within a few days of her death. It seemed to be the work Providence had allotted me. She was very patient and uncomplaining, seldom spoke of her sufferings, although they must have been severe. She had a great desire to live, especially for my sake, but at the same time was submissive to the Lord's will. Her peace of mind was seriously interfered with by ill-timed promises of restored health by her physician, almost up to the time of her death. She had often told me, if she could not live she wanted to know it. In her home life she was kind, affectionate and sympathetic. During the latter part of her illness, her Bible was her constant, daily companion, and prayer her frequent employment. In her will she arranged to give \$1500 to various benevolent objects of the Church to which she belonged.

The warm weather, toward the last, set very hard on her in her weak condition, but death came to her relief, at 10 A. M. August 11, 1896. The death struggle lasted for many long, tedious hours, but at length she was released from earth and entered into rest. To me it was a very solemn and terribly sad hour. The thought of a happy home broken up, and so many solitary, lonely hours in store for the future, came over me with feelings of overwhelming sadness. But I remembered the words of the Psalmist:

"When troubles great o'erwhelm my breast,
Then lead me on the rock to rest
That higher is than I."

I knew that with Mary all was well in the blessed home of the redeemed above. The funeral services the next day were conducted by her pastor, Dr. J. R. Brittain. He used as his text the beautiful words of triumph: "But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." A glorious victory indeed! and how thankful God's dear children should be for these words of cheer and comfort. Her body was in due time quietly laid to rest in the family Cemetery at Monroe, Ohio, to await the resurrection morn.

My home having thus been broken up by the death of Mrs. Thompson, I accepted an invitation cheerfully and kindly given by my oldest son, Edward, and his wife, then living in Oxford, Ohio, to make my home, at least for a time, with them. My life must unavoidably always be very lonely. The deafness with which I have been troubled, keeps growing worse, and so I am largely cut off from social life. I generally attend church once on Sabbath, but am not able to hear a single word from the commencement of the services until they close. Everything around me has become so quiet and still, that "scarce a sound do I hear."

But soon I began to see and feel that I must adapt myself, in divine strength, to my changed life and circumstances. Accordingly when a couple of months or so had passed, I commenced re-writing the *Family History*, with the view of preparing it, at an early day, for publication. I found the time passing more pleasantly when I was in some interesting and profitable way employed. So I resolved, through life, to keep at work of some kind as long as health and strength would permit. My loss of hearing has shut me out from the work of the gospel ministry, practically, since the fall of 1894. At the present time, early in 1898, it would seem that any opening for the future lies greatly, as the Lord may direct, in the use of the pen. I can look up to him and realize with the Psalmist, that "my times are in his hand."

The summer that has just passed, was spent in an extensive trip west. I visited all my children, and all my brothers and sisters, at their homes, in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado. At Colorado Springs I had a fine opportunity of taking in the beautiful mountain scenery of its vicinity, and thus of seeing something of the greatness and grandeur of God in creation-work. Ascending Pike's Peak on the Cog-Wheel Railroad, I had a magnificent view of the snow-capped mountains in the distance, north and west, and the extended plains below on the east, as far as the eye could reach.

Since my return to my home in Oxford, I have been busy gathering up a few remaining items for this history, and in the completion of the work. I am now willing and desirous that the Lord use me, the remainder of my life, as he may deem best, in the promotion of his honor and glory. Then, when the end comes, and the last sand shall have passed through the glass of my existence, may I be found among countless millions of the redeemed, prepared to be "faultless in Christ Jesus"—

ready to be forever with my Savior, and with feelings of supreme delight—“*behold his glory.*”

Concluding Remarks.

In closing up the history there may very properly be a brief reference made to our relatives in the past, the present and even the future. We find them largely of the middle class of the times in which they lived, and leading active, busy lives. They necessarily had their struggles in life, and their difficulties to meet; and they met them manfully. As a general rule they maintained a good reputation for habits of industry, honesty of purpose and uprightness of conduct. They were very commonly a God-fearing and a God-honoring class of people. The word of God was their guide in this life; their only hope of salvation and a higher, better life to come. Scotch and Scotch-Irish blood flowed largely in their veins. They were sturdy, vigorous men and women, and served their day and generation faithfully and well. They seldom resorted to civil law for the settlement of difficulties.

They were lovers of liberty and determined foes of oppression. Their blood was freely shed in many a hard-fought battle in defense of civil and religious freedom. Yet they were lovers of peace, and usually lived “peaceably with all men.” They were honest, industrious, and happy in their quiet Christian homes.

But things have changed within the last fifty, or one hundred years. Our advantages in a great many ways are very much superior to theirs. Our educational facilities, especially, are very much improved. Advantage has been taken of these, and with corresponding good results. This may be seen in business enterprises and in the learned professions; medicine, the law, the Christian ministry, college professors and presidents; each having its representatives in strong, vigorous,

intellectual, Christian workers. Stanch men in the legal profession, wise, courageous statesmen, too, above the influence of bribery, are in demand.

On the part of many, at the present time, there is a desire to make the most and best out of life. Their aims are high and there is a commendable effort to rise. Scarcely any obstacle is allowed to stand in the way. To this end very much depends on making a wise improvement of time and opportunities.

“Every minute hath its mission;
Sin may blast thee, grace may bless thee, good or ill this hour:
No going back, the past is an abyss; no stopping for the present perisheth;
But ever hastening on, precarious on the foothold of To-day.
Our cares are all To-day; our joys are all To-day;
And in one little word, our life, what is it, but—To-day?”

The future I need not, can not, largely scan. The progress of the arts and sciences in the ages to come are, to us of the present, unknown. Coming generations will start out in life with much to stimulate and encourage. The possibilities of the future are great, and will doubtless continue to be so as time moves along. Therefore,

“Pensioner of life,
Zealously go forward with integrity, and God will bless thy faith.”

I confess to a feeling of great anxiety that the Christian religion may receive close, practical attention, on the part of our descendants, until the close of time. No life is successful where the interests of the soul are neglected. This may be learned when too late to be remedied. In building for *time*, see that you all build for *eternity*.

The lives of relatives must have an *influence* for good or evil on others, not simply for a day, but for all coming years. If conformed to the will of God, all will be well, and fruit will be borne to His honor and glory, as the result, all along the

ages. If, on the other hand, the "choice is rather in sinful ways to go," no tongue can tell the multiplied evils that may be wrought out, as time rolls along, by their baneful influences. Therefore, place yourselves on the Lord's side, be resolute, be firm, as your Scottish ancestors have been in the past, in your efforts to exalt God and become a blessing to your fellow-men. The outcome for good will not cease at death, but will ever extend and spread abroad and reach onward, until the angel before the throne of God will be commissioned to descend to earth, and with uplifted hand, swear by Him that liveth for ever, "*Time shall be no longer.*"

Crossing over the Jordan of death and entering in through the gates into the heavenly city, no longer to "see through a glass darkly," but face to face, what progress in knowledge the mind may be able to make, with greater clearness of intellect, and new scenes continually presented to view, no mortal tongue is able to tell. But there will be delightful harmony and holy fellowship, there will be happy communion of kindred spirits in love and sympathy, in the great family of the redeemed above, that will know no interruption, but will continue time without end.

The home of the saved is a place,

"Where streams of pleasure ever flow,
And boundless joys abide."

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